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THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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1. PLANS APPROVED FOR CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT.

Plans made by the Bureau's Executive Committee on Exhibits for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in June, have been approved by Director Warburton.

It is proposed to arrange the exhibits in two sections. One, devoted exclusively to standardization as applied to cotton, fruits and vegetables, grain, hay, tobacco, wool, meat and eggs, illustrated by actual samples, photographs or transparencies. The second section will be an arrangement of material describing various activities of the Bureau, among which are agricultural cooperation, agricultural history, farm population, farm finance, farm management, foreign service, land economics, warehousing and collecting, and distributing crop and livestock estimates and market news.

2. HOUSEWIVES' MEAT SCHOOL.

An educational campaign which promises to become more than an interesting experiment is being conducted in certain cities by the National Livestock and Meat Board cooperating with the Department of Agriculture.

Arthur T. Edinger, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division is in Pittsburgh this week where the campaign is in progress similar to those held in Cleveland, Columbus and Syracuse where he assisted recently. In order to demonstrate quality of fresh meat by grade, lectures are held for the home economics students in the high schools, and later in the day and evening, sessions are held for housewives.

To familiarize the purchaser with the various cuts when separated from the carcass, the lectures are illustrated by having meat cutters actually carve the several steaks and roast while Mr. Edinger and the other experts explain about the bone and muscular structure and how these factors should influence the method of cooking. It is emphasized that by increasing the sale of the less known cuts, butchers would be able to sell their entire stocks which would end waste and bring meat prices down, while the advantages of grading and standardization are emphasized also.

3. NOT SO BAD, AFTER ALL!!

Various and sundry persons howled loud and long all last summer and fall that the Crop Reporting Board was habitually over-estimating the cotton crop. They made charges against the Board ranging from that of inefficiency to intimations of fraud.

When the December 1 report placed the crop at 15,603,000 bales, there was a holler that must have been heard in China. Now, however, the Census Bureau comes along with a report that the crop totalled 16,085,905 bales, OR 3 PER CENT MORE THAN THE CROP BOARD ESTIMATE.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN FARMERS PLAN TRIP TO AMERICA

Interest in American agriculture has inspired another foreign delegation to plan a pilgrimage to our shores. Fifty farmers from the South African Union, accompanied by General J. Kemp, their Minister of Agriculture, or the Chief of their Division of Marketing and Economics, will probably arrive in June 1927 and tour this country to observe agricultural methods and to acquaint themselves with manufacturers of farm implements and machinery.

Arrangements are being made through Mr. Eric H. Louw, Trade Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in the United States and Canada and this Bureau, cooperating with the Secretary's Office has submitted itineraries whereby these farmers can best see the sections of the country of greatest interest to them.

It is proposed that one week will be spent in Washington, going through the Government Offices and experimental farms at Arlington and Beltsville. Two optional routes across the country are suggested with the idea that one section of the party from the northern portion of South Africa may wish to see the southern section of the United States where in the western part, climate and crops (cotton, corn, sorghum and some wheat) are somewhat like those in their native land; while another section of the party may prefer to pass through the central portion of the country seeing that section of the Corn Belt and the winter wheat region of Kansas. Stops will be made at many points of interest in the states as they pass through the country; also the Southern route permits a side trip to the Grand Canyon and the Central route will offer a side trip to Yellowstone Park. The two routes join at Los Angeles and together they will proceed up the West Coast and back east through the Canadian farming sections.

5. CROP ESTIMATING FOR MAINE POTATOES CONSIDERED VERY EFFICIENT.

At a meeting of the research council of the Bureau held in Boston last month, W. R. Thompson, President of the Aroostook County Farm Bureau, represented that organization. Mr. Thompson had served on the Potato Committee formulating the Agricultural Outlook for 1926 and he gave a report on this feature of the Bureau's work. He explained that in a degree speculation and uncertainty had been lessened because producers were informed regarding preparation, growing and harvesting problems. Many factors influence determining the acreage to be planted: financial condition of the country, clean-up of old crop in spring, prices paid for old stock, price and imports of fertilizer and the price of seed. It has been found that during a number of years these estimates for the potato crop of Maine have varied only slightly with the actual disposal figures, showing more often a slight underestimate rather than an overestimate of the crop.

The men connected with the crop estimating service are conscientious and strive to obtain the truth in regard to conditions. They are desirous of obtaining a closer co-operation of farmers and all others interested in agriculture to the end of making the service of greater benefit to all concerned.

6. THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The attention of the employees in Washington is called to the Department of Agriculture Immediate Relief Association. This is purely a mutual insurance association made up of the employees of this department. The sole object is to extend immediate relief to the family of a deceased member. There are no overhead expenses - no salaries to officers. Upon the death of a member \$250 in cash is usually turned over to the beneficiary within a few hours. This sum is often sorely needed to meet immediate expenses when it is not convenient to procure cash from other sources promptly. Funds to meet these benefits are raised by assessments on members. These assessments have averaged about \$4.00 per year for each member. It is believed that there are many employees who may be interested in joining this association who have not had it brought to their attention. Application blanks may be obtained from Mr. C. F. Duvall. One dollar should accompany each application for membership, which application should be approved by two members of the organization.

7. CINCINNATI GETTING UP-TO-THE-MINUTE SERVICE.

"Marketing Talks for Housewives", by J. G. Scott, of the Cincinnati Fruit and Vegetable office appears in the Thursday issues of the Cincinnati Times-Star. With the "Marketing Talks", an additional feature is a column of questions and answers which Mr. Scott handles also. The daily radio service is another source of information as shown by a letter received in March by a Cincinnati dealer from a shipper in Plant City, Florida, stating: "From the Radio Market Reports from Station WLW, I believe Cincinnati is a good strawberry market at the present time, and while I have never done any business with your firm before, I am informed that you handle many berries and I am shipping you a lot by express tonight". Mr. Scott is receiving many compliments on the Market News Service he is rendering in Cincinnati.

8. REGARDING THE USE OF ENVELOPES.

For some time the Section of Mails and Files has been calling the attention of divisions to specific instances where too large or too expensive envelopes are being used and suggesting the use of large or small chain envelopes.

The Interdepartmental Board of Simplified Office Procedure has now issued Memo.22, dated March 13, directing attention to the extravagant use of envelopes, stating that large Kraft envelopes are often used to mail out a few sheets of mimeographed material that could be sent in an ordinary white envelope; that envelopes of a quality better than necessary and envelopes larger than necessary are often used. The Board further urges the study of the manner in which envelopes are used, of the sizes and qualities necessary for the purposes, frequency of mailing, to the end of making all the saving possible along these lines.

Please make every effort toward economy in the use of envelopes. Any suggestions should be addressed to Mr. Kitchen.

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The special committee on Sesqui-Centennial Exhibits announces that Dr. Galpin and Dr. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, get honorable mention for being first to submit plans for a contribution to the Exposition Exhibit.

9. FOR THE INFORMATION OF
THE WASHINGTON FORCE.

P.B.A. Circular 27, March 24, calls attention to the fact that over seven million pieces of registered mail are handled for the Government departments yearly free of charge, and requests that the registry privilege be not abused. It is pointed out that the percentage of loss of ordinary mail is very small, and that a registered article is more likely to be stolen than an article sent by ordinary mail; also that no indemnity is paid unless both postage and registry fee are paid.

The Secretary has assured the Postmaster General of our full cooperation in this matter.

It is desired to avoid handling lots of registered matter at this time, if possible, but discretion will be left with the offices concerned.

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In requesting a copy of the pamphlet "Products Of and Uses Made of Corn" compiled by C. Louise Phillips and E. G. Boerner, a correspondent says: "The uses of corn is one of life's deepest mysteries and inquire as I would of the hundreds of my friends who know all there is to know of corn, never one have I found who could tell me what corn is used for. 'Feeding hogs' is the classic answer. That is less than no answer at all. It misleads".

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 2 are:

- Colorado wheat growers' association. Annual report of the general manager, 1924. [n.p.] 1925.
- Douglass, H. P. How shall country youth be served? A study of the "rural" work of certain national character-building agencies... New York, George H. Doran company [1926]
- Gavett, G. I. A first course in statistical method... 1st ed. New York, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1925.
- Nebraska. University. College of business administration. Committee on business research. Nebraska studies in business. No. 12. Operating expenses of retail grocery stores in Nebraska in 1924. July, 1925. No. 14. Some aspects of grocery-store failures ... Jan. 1926.
- Riggleman, J. R. Graphic methods for presenting business statistics... 1st ed. New York [etc.] McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1926.
- South Africa. Dept. of agriculture. Note on the storage of eggs... Pretoria, The Government printing and stationery office, 1925. (Its Science bulletin, no.41)
- Tugwell, R. G., Munro, T. and Stryker, R. E. American economic life and the means of its improvement... New York, Harcourt, Brace and co. [1925.]

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. No.385. Foreign combinations to control prices of raw materials... 1926.

Garraatt, G. T.

Farming in Cambridgeshire a century ago. (19th Century, v.93, no.588, February 1926, p.259-264.)

Great Britain. Permanent consultative committee on official statistics.

Guide to current official statistics of the United Kingdom. v.3, (1924) In continuation of v.2 (1923) Being a systematic survey of the statistics appearing in all official publications issued in 1924 and in certain selected publications issued in 1925. London, H. K. Stationery Off., 1925. 249p. 241.3 G79, 3d 1924.

Hainisch, Michael

Die landflucht. Jena. Gustav Fisher, 1924.

Reviewed by Jno. V. Van Sickle in Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics, January, 1926, p.121-23.

Jones, J. Morgan.

Labour organisation on four Welsh farms. Agricultural economics dept. Univ. College of Wales, Aberystwyth, 1925. 283 J71

McDougall, F. L.

Sheltered markets. London, John Murray, 1925. 286 M14

Smith, J. Russell

Industrial and commercial geography. New ed. New York, Henry Holt, 1925. 278 Sm5I Ed.2

Whitbeck, R. H.

Economic geography of South America. New York, McGraw-Hill book co., 1926. 278 W58E

Zdziechowski, George.

The finances of Poland, 1924-1925... London, Pub. by order of the Polish government and printed by Eyre & Spottiswoode, ltd., 1925. 267.2 Z1

A Correction

One of our readers has called our attention to an error in the Library Supplement for Feb. 23. We noted the 1925 reprint by E. P. Dutton & Co. of State Experiments in Australia and New Zealand by William Penbor Reeves and made the statement that it was first published in London in 1923. This was an error, as the book was first published in London in 1902, was republished in London by George Allen & Unwin in 1923 with the note on the verso of the title page that it was printed in Saxony in 1923. As stated above, it was again printed in New York in 1925.

Mary G. Lacey

Librarian,
Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

11. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN MARCH.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during March:

Ezekiel, M.: What Makes the Price of Hogs? For Farmers' Bulletin.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 91, Amend. 4.

Slocum, R.R.: Methods of Packing Eggs and of Buffing and Bracing Cases of Eggs in Carload Shipments. For Miscellaneous Circular.

Turner, H. A.: General Aspects of Ownership of Tenant Farms in the United States. For Department Bulletin.

Turner, H. A.: Ownership of Rented Farms in the North Central States. For Department Bulletin.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Borgia, L.J.: Sugar Situation in International Trade. For Sugar News.

Coleman, D. A. and Christie, A.: Gasoline Color Value of Several Classes of Wheat. For Cereal Chemistry.

Davidson, J. and Shollenberger, J. H.: Effect of Sodium Nitrate Applied at Different Stages of Growth of Wheat on Baking Qualities of Flour. For Cereal Chemistry.

Davis, W.C.: Do Retailers Need to Cooperate? For National Provisioner.

Davis, W.C.: Misfits in the Retail Meat Trade. For National Provisioner.

Edler, G. C.: Important Field Seeds are Sold Mostly in Spring. For Seed World.

Henderson, B.: State Policies in Agricultural Settlement. For Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics.

Sherman, C.B.: Cooperation Increasing in India. For American Cooperative Journal.

Sherman, C.F.: Federal Warehouse Receipts. For American Bankers Association Journal.

Sherman, C. B.: Reducing the Farmers Feed Bill. For Bankers Monthly.

Teele, R. P.: Financing Non-Governmental Irrigation Projects. For Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics.

Turner, H. A.: Absentee Farm Ownership in the United States. For Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics.

12. MEAT GRADING SERVICE BRINGS SATISFACTION.

While on a recent cruise through the Mediterranean, Captain A. B. Randall, of the S. S. Republic, in writing to his wife said:

"I have heard more talk about the roast beef on this trip than at any other time since I have been on the line. It is the leading order each evening. Why the other evening when the passengers came aboard from Jerusalem the roast beef gave out, which is most unusual."

Incidentally all the meats served on the S. S. Republic during this cruise were graded by the official graders of the New York office, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.

13. IN CONGRESS:

S. 454, by Senator Caraway, to prevent the sale of cotton and grain in future markets was reported out of Senate Committee with recommendation, report 508.

S. J. Res. 78, by Senator Jones of Washington, for amendment of the Plant Quarantine Act of Aug. 20, 1912, to allow the States to quarantine against the shipment therein or through of plants, plant products, and other articles found to be diseased or infested when not covered by a quarantine established by the Secretary of Agriculture, was passed by the Senate.

H. R. 7255, by Mr. Dickstein, to regulate the sale of kosher meat in the District of Columbia which passed the House on March 22, has been reported out of Senate committee without amendment, report 527.

New Bills:

S. 3782, by Senator Harrell, to establish a Federal farm advisory council and a Federal farm board, to aid in the stabilization of prices of agricultural commodities through cooperative associations, and for the equitable distribution of the costs and benefits.

H.R. 10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping, without good and sufficient cause therefor, of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants and others, and to require them truly and correctly to account for all farm produce.

14. IMPORTANT RULING ON CERTAIN ITEMS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS.

The General Accounting Office is taking exceptions to items in reimbursement accounts where direct payments could have been made by the Disbursing Clerk of the Department, giving as a reason therefor decisions of the Comptroller-General which hold that the voluntary advancement of private funds to pay obligations of the United States does not create a legal basis for a claim against the United States. While this is a general rule, exceptions up to this time relate mainly to reimbursement for personal services, for traveling expenses incurred by one regular employee and paid for by another, and for payments made by the party to be reimbursed prior to the actual completion of the service.

This Bureau has been advised by the Disbursing Clerk of the Department that the General Accounting Office will disallow from reimbursement accounts all items covering payments by one regular employee to another regular employee for travel expenses incurred on and after March 1, 1926. This means that every regular employee who incurs traveling expenses must submit his own reimbursement account. However, to avoid a multiplicity of small reimbursement accounts for car fares incurred at official stations officers in charge of field stations should purchase car tokens or tickets in quantities from the local public utility companies, where practicable, and issue them to the employees under their supervision as needed for official business. The public utility companies should submit their bills on form 5 vouchers.

It has long been the practice of this Department not to question payments by employees from their personal funds made prior to completion of the service, provided reimbursement was awaited until the period of service had expired, on the ground that such payments were not advances of public money. While this practice is not in conflict with the statute prohibiting advances of public money, it should be stopped under the rule as to voluntary payments by employees. Rentals of post office boxes, which are the most frequent advance payments, should be taken up with the Third Assistant Postmaster-General who will authorize postmasters to await payments. A form 5 voucher in favor of the postmaster should be submitted at the end of the quarter.

This rule should not be reduced to an absurdity, and where amounts are less than \$1, payments should be made as heretofore, except payments for other employees' expenses and prior payments. The cost of paying small accounts is out of all proportion to the amounts involved. The Comptroller-General upholds such a practice in his instructions for use of transportation requests in which he states "Requests will not be used when the value of the transportation is less than \$1.00". Where the amount involved is small reimbursement accounts should be rendered quarterly.

15. KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES.

John D. Snow, of the Denver Fruit and Vegetable office writes that the radio is being used by Colorado farmers to great advantage. He says potato growers in the more isolated regions are keeping posted and are holding out for market prices. Denver dealers and shippers also listen in regularly for the news story which is broadcast in interesting form.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

L. J. Taber, Master of The National Grange, Columbus, Ohio, paid a short visit to Mr. Cooper, while in Washington getting his passports. Mr. Taber, as announced last week, is one of the delegates to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome this month.

A. W. Palmer, in charge, Cotton Division, will attend the second annual convention of The American Cotton Shippers Association in Atlanta, April 9 and 10. Dr. B. Youngblood of the Texas A. & M. College will come to Washington with Mr. Palmer when he returns. Dr. Youngblood as consulting economist, will be here about 30 days assisting on research work in the Cotton Division.

C. L. Christensen, Agricultural Cooperation, left last week for points in North Carolina to confer with officials of cooperative associations relative to problems of cooperative marketing. He will speak before the meeting of Southern Mountain Workers at Knoxville, Tenn., April 7 on "Aim and Scope of Cooperative Agriculture". He will stop at Brasstown, N. C. to confer with officials of the John C. Campbell Folk School and with officials of local cooperative associations in Cherokee County relative to cooperative marketing problems.

Paul M. Williams, Warehouse Division, left Monday for New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine. In Boston he will interview officials of one of the country's largest wool concerns who have applied for a warehouse license. At Essex Junction, Vt., he will investigate the advisability of issuing a license to the Vermont Maple Products Cooperative Exchange, the first organization of this kind to apply for a warehouse license. Mr. Williams will later go to Maine to inspect potato warehouses and to confer with county agricultural agents. He plans to be away for two weeks.

Edwin Smith, special representative in Europe, has gone from London to Paris this week and is now on an investigational trip on the Continent. According to recent information, Mr. Smith probably will sail for America about April 22 and will hold a number of conferences with shippers of apples and other products in various parts of the country.

A. W. McKay and J. H. Lister, Cooperative Marketing, have returned from Burlington, Vt., where they conferred with the maple syrup and sugar industries regarding methods and practices of marketing these products.

Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Products, leaves tonight for New York to inspect a carload of eggs shipped from Sedalia, Mo. Part of the eggs in this car were graded under the standards proposed by the Bureau and the marketing of them will be watched with considerable interest.

Until further action is taken in regard to the plans for moving into the new building in Linworth Place, arrangements for the Bureau party are held up.

Definite announcements will be made next week.

Miss Della E. Merrick, Farm Management, leaves tonight for Newark, Delaware to assist in compiling and summarizing data from a cooperative farm business survey in New Castle County, Delaware. She will be away two weeks.

J.B. Hutton, Farm Management, has gone to Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia to confer with officials of agricultural stations in regard to publication of bulletins based upon studies of cooperative farm records and accounts.

P.W. Edwards and J. O. Reed connected with the Bureau of Chemistry called at the Minneapolis office on March 31 for a short time while in the City on official business.

Due to the recent very changeable weather, several of the Minneapolis force have been under the weather a day or two at a time, though none have been seriously ill.

Dr. D. A. Coleman, will go to New York about April 7 to supervise the installing of an electric moisture tester in the grain office at the new location, 45 Broadway.

On the eve of A. V. Swarthout's departure from the Bureau, the Division of Agricultural Cooperation and other friends presented him with a new golf club, a driver of the latest type. In making the presentation speech, C. G. Randall pledged his watchful care in safeguarding whatever belongings Mr. Swarthout might leave behind, and on behalf of his co-workers wished Mr. Swarthout the greatest success and satisfaction in his New Found Land!

Miss Anna L. Ericson has been reinstated after an absence of nearly a year and has been assigned to Agricultural Cooperation to do statistical work on questionnaires being selected by that division. Miss Ericson came into the F. & V. Division June 1, 1922, from the War Department to work with Dr. Cance on his special studies, and later ably assisted G.B. Fiske with the preparation of bulletins, until last spring when she resigned to teach in one of the local schools. We are glad to welcome her back.

W.P. Barbot, in charge of the New York cotton office was in Washington last week to confer with Mr. Palmer regarding the classification of cotton.

A new daughter, Gertrude Jean, has just been added to the family of R.C. Potts, in charge, Poultry and Dairy Products. She arrived March 31, and weighed over nine pounds.

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The Editor wishes to thank those who have commented so graciously on our first appearances. It is particularly encouraging to get news items from the branch and field offices as it is our desire to know what they are doing and to pass on the good word about their progress. Suggestions toward the usefulness of the B.A.E. News are welcomed at all times and it will be a pleasure to hear often from the out-of-town members of the staff.

The Editor.

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1. MEMBERS OF BUREAU ATTEND CONFERENCE IN TOPEKA.

The Chief is at the Livestock Statistical Conference held in Topeka, Kansas, this week. Other members of the Bureau who are present and will take part, in this important meeting of the crop reporting service are, J. Clyde Marquis, W.F. Callendar, Charles A. Gage, Charles L. Harlan, C.A. Burmeister, Joseph A. Becker, Joseph L. Orr, J.B. Shepard, E.C. Shoup and Samuel A. Jones.

2. ATTENTION, FIELD MEN! DISCOUNT ON FORD AUTOMOBILE PARTS.

An item in the B. A. E. News of July 21, 1925 stated that the Ford Motor Company had designated this Department as a National Fleet owner and entitled, as such, to a 25 per cent discount on Ford parts over the counter of any Authorized Ford Dealer, and to a discount of 15 per cent on parts installed in dealers' shops. The Ford Motor Company has now modified these discounts and will, in future, allow a discount of 20 per cent (25 per cent where monthly purchases average \$50 or more) on parts purchased without installation.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT.

The United States Employees' Compensation Commission, under date of March 17, makes the following statement:

"A recent ruling of the Comptroller General makes it mandatory that wherever possible vouchers submitted to the Commission for payment of medical and hospital services rendered beneficiaries of the Commission bear the signature of the injured employee, certifying that he has received such services. Where for some good reason this is not possible, the voucher should be forwarded to the Commission with a statement of explanation.

It is requested that care be exercised by physicians and official superiors to see that this signature is obtained on vouchers before forwarded to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Mrs. Bessie P. Brueggeman,
Chairman.

Attn. Miss Trolinger,
Washington, D. C.

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4. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
PROPOSED UNITED STATES GRADES FOR BARLEY.

Hearings upon proposed official grain standards of the United States for barley, to be established and promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture under the United States grain standards Act effective on or about August 15, 1926, will be held by the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, or his representatives, at the times and places designated below. The proposed standards are now available.

Producers of grains, merchants, manufacturers, bankers, grain inspectors, members of exchanges, warehouses, carriers, and other persons interested are invited to be present at any of these hearings. Opportunity for oral discussion will be afforded to as many as practicable. Written communications received on or before May 10 will be considered. These should be sent to the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The hearings will be held as follows, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

April 19, 1926, Los Angeles, California, Los Angeles Grain Exchange.
April 20, 1926, San Francisco, California, Room 237 Merchants Exchange Buildings.
April 23, 1926, Portland, Oregon, Merchants Exchange.
April 26, 1926, Seattle, Washington, Directors Room, Seattle Merchants Exchange.
April 30, 1926, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Assembly Room, Court House.
May 3, 1926, Chicago, Illinois, Directors Room, Chicago Board of Trade.
May 7, 1926, New York City, Board of Managers Room, New York Produce Exchange.

Official standards have been established for wheat, shelled corn, rye, oats and grain sorghums. When official standards for barley are established only four grains remain for which no grades have yet been promulgated. These are milled rice, rough rice, buckwheat and flaxseed.

H. J. Besley, in Charge, Grain Division, E. G. Boerner, Grain Investigations, and J. H. Cox, Barley Investigations, leave this week to attend the hearings on the proposed barley grades and will inspect the grain offices in cities where these meetings are held. Mr. Boerner will stop at New Orleans en route to attend a rice standardization conference. Dr. H. V. Harlan, Cereal Investigations, Bureau Plant Industry accompanied Mr. Besley to attend the sessions in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

ANOTHER STUDY TO BE MADE.

Production, Consumption and Marketing of Farm Products around Wheeling, W. Va., will be the subject of study under a cooperative agreement between this Bureau and the University of West Virginia. The object of this survey is to determine the amount and origin of farm products consumed in Wheeling; the condition under which those products are being produced and the possibility of increasing production in that area. H. R. Tolley, Farm Management, will be responsible for the Bureaus part of this survey.

5. PRICES OF MARYLAND FARM
PRODUCTS TO BE STUDIED.

If you or your forefathers came from Maryland and you know of any old diaries, record books or account ledgers with prices of farm products and sales information dating back to the early days, be sure to dig up such relics for C. F. Sarle, Crop Estimates.

As conditions change, prices of farm products change and Mr. Sarle, with the University of Maryland will be responsible for a study in that State to establish a permanent record of farm prices for the use of research workers in agricultural economics. This can best be accomplished by building up a price serial dating back as far as possible, for the present farm price serial began in 1910. Similar studies are planned for other states, and in preparation for this work, circular letters have been sent to banks, mills, elevators and newspapers over the country asking that they assist in locating old records of the prevailing market prices. Such a study was made in South Dakota recently by O. L. Dawson with funds available under the Purnell Act. Because agricultural development there is comparatively new, however, the results were brief. Maryland as a nearby state and because of its early history, seems to offer a desirable field in which to inaugurate this study and the same procedure may be used elsewhere. Crop and price reporters in the state have been asked to assist in locating old records of farmers, merchants and mills, giving data on tobacco, wheat and cattle. Mr. Sarle asks for the cooperation of everyone who can give such information.

6. HOW TO BORROW AND RETURN CAMERAS.

When cameras are borrowed from the Photographic Laboratory the borrower is requested to call in person and sign a receipt for the apparatus and to return the camera in person if possible and have the receipt countersigned. Cameras borrowed by divisions for workers in the field will be issued upon receipt signed by the Head of the Division or Project and return receipt in the same manner. A camera should not be returned by messenger or other individuals without a record as to who has actually returned it to the Laboratory.

7. ARTICLE ON COTTON GINS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

Guy S. Meloy, Cotton Division, has received a letter from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, commenting on his article entitled, "The Rise of the Saw Gin and its Influence on the Character of the Cottons of the World." They quote from their office at Bombay, India: "It is difficult for us to tell you how much we appreciate your efforts in securing for us the splendid article, which is timely and of considerable value to us. We will submit this article to the Indian Textile Journal for publication. In the meantime we have made several copies of Mr. Meloy's article which we are using to good advantage. We trust you will inform Mr. Meloy of our appreciation of his valuable cooperation."

8. STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMERCE
TO OBSERVE ACTIVITIES AT CHICAGO.

Members of the Chicago staff will cooperate with the University of Chicago in demonstrating the work of the Bureau to classes in Agricultural Commerce this summer. Lectures and field trips held in connection with specialized courses are planned to supplement the work of students whose principal interest is the business side of agriculture.

On one of the field trips, a tour will be made of the new South Water Street Market, with a demonstration of the Fruit Inspection Service by Robert C. Butner, or other members of the Inspection office there. Another field trip will be to the Union Stock Yards to observe methods of shipping, routing and unloading of livestock trains, with discussion by J.C. Campbell, in charge of the Chicago office of Livestock, Meats and Wool. At a later date Mr. Campbell will lecture on "Price Making and Price Reporting in the Livestock Trade." He will then conduct the classes through the Stock Yards to discuss the types and grades of livestock found there.

9. ENCLOSURE FOR THE FIELD OFFICES.

With this week's issue of the B.A.E. News is mailed a Directory of Public Employment Offices in cities throughout the country. This is a branch of the Department of Labor to bring together the Jobless Man and the Manless Job. The cooperation of every agency interested in the distribution of labor is solicited, to the end that supply and demand of labor may be evenly balanced.

10. RELATION OF MILK PRICES TO
FARM MANAGEMENT BASIS OF STUDY.

Agreement between this Bureau and the Pennsylvania State College has been entered into to make an Economic Study of the Relation of Price Structure of the Philadelphia Milk Market to Farm Management of the Area. M. Ezekiel, Farm Management, with State College representatives will have charge of the study. Information will be obtained from milk distributors and dairymen by means of questionnaires to determine the effect of the present prices upon milk production and the relation of the organization and management of farms to the method of payment.

11. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR BUTTER
AND CHEESE INSPECTION IN BOSTON.

Inspection of butter and cheese for members of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange is the subject of an agreement entered into between this Bureau and the President of that Exchange. The authorized inspector of the Bureau will continue federal inspection on these products, but cooperating with members of the trade will be recognized as the official inspection for the Exchange, and the fees will be divided.

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A crop reporter of Carthage, Texas, writes:

"I have been making reports to your office for more than six months and haven't had a cent yet. If you want me to continue please send me a little check."

12. CONGRESS.

H.R. 10129, by Mr. Ketcham, to promote the agriculture of the United States by expanding in the foreign field the service now rendered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in acquiring and diffusing useful information regarding agriculture, passed the House on April 7.

S.J. Res. 78, by Senator Jones of Washington, for amendment of the plant quarantine act of Aug. 20, 1912, to allow the States to quarantine against the shipment therein or through of plants, plant products, and other articles found to be diseased or infested when not covered by a quarantine established by the Secretary of Agriculture, has been sent to the President for signature.

S. 2465, by Senator Gooding, to amend an act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes, passed the House with amendments. The Senate disagreed to amendments and requested a conference.

H.R. 7, by Mr. Lehlbach, to amend the retirement act, was reported out of House Committee with amendment, Report 768.

H.R. 6241, by Mr. Haugen, to authorize Federal inspection of fruit and vegetable exports, passed the House on April 7th.

H.R. 7818, by Mr. Andersen, to amend sec. 304 of an act to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in livestock, livestock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, has passed the House.

H.J. Res. 213, by Mr. Haugen, for participation of the United States in the Third World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa, Canada in 1927, was passed by the House.

New Bills:

S. 3926, by Mr. McNary, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 20, by Mr. Thomas, providing for the creation of a congressional cooperative agricultural conference for the purpose of suggesting a permanent policy for agricultural relief and preparing and proposing legislation to carry such policy into effect.

S. J. Res. 89, by Senator Butler, for participation of the United States in the Third World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa, Canada, in 1927.

13. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE REPRESENTATIVESWELCOME IN SHIPPING SECTIONS.

In writing for office space to be used during the spring vegetable shipping season, E. W. Stillwell, Fruits and Vegetables, asked the Custodian of the Custom House at Mobile, Ala. to provide an office as in the past seasons. The reply reads as follows:

"It will be a pleasure to have your representative with us again and we will use our best endeavors to make him comfortable during his stay. I avail myself of the opportunity to again remind you that this feature is looked upon by the farming interests of Mobile County and vicinity as one of the Department's most useful activities."

Evidently H.E. Rutland and his bride will be cordially received when they arrive in Mobile Wednesday, where he will report the fruit and vegetable shipments this season.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 9 are:

Canning trade. Almanac of the canning industry, 1926. Baltimore, Journal of the canning trade, 1926.

Gaston, D. A. & Cornwell, Arthur. Chester County, economic and social... A laboratory study in the Department of rural science of the University of South Carolina. [Columbia, S. C., 1925] (Bulletin of the University of South Carolina, no.153, Dec. 15, 1924)

McMurray, K. F. & McWall, P. E. Farm accounting, principles and problems ... Chicago & New York, A. W. Shaw company, 1926.

Scientific foundations of business administration... Ed. with introduction by Henry C. Metcalf... Baltimore, The Williams & Wilkins company, 1926. (Human relations series 4)

South Africa. Committee on fruit export trade. Report of Committee of inquiry upon certain matters in connection with the fruit export trade of South Africa... Cape Town, Cape times limited, government printers, 1925.

Thomson, G. S. Grading dairy produce (milk, cream, butter, cheese) ... London, Crosby Lockwood and son, 1925.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. China trade facts, by Julean Arnold... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade promotion series. no.31. International trade in butter and cheese, by M. A. Wulfert. 1926.

15. REQUEST FROM THE REVIEWING SECTION.

In all cases where extra carbon copies of letters are made for the purpose of sending them to different persons for attention, envelopes correctly addressed must accompany these carbons. Where the division prefers to mail the "CC" direct, it is suggested that the word "sent" be written on the file copy. A careful observance of this procedure will be of great assistance not only to the reviewing clerks but to the mailing clerk as well.

BUREAU BREVITIES

16. THE FLORIDA POTATO DEAL, Season 1925, by H.E. Rutland, is the latest Summary of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. It contains detailed data on shipments, arrivals and unloads in 23 cities by States of origin.

17. COST OF PRODUCING HOGS, in Iowa and in Illinois, in 1921-22 are analyzed and discussed by Oscar Steanson and R. H. Wilcox in Department Bulletin 1381 now available. Footnote credit for help in organizing the study and gathering field material is given to G. S. Klemmedson. Cost of producing pork, of maintaining the breeding herd, of fattening pigs for market are among the specific phases studied and the financial returns from the hog enterprise are discussed in conclusion.

18. RULES FOR DETAILS IN THE INSPECTION OF BUTTER CHEESE AND EGGS are promulgated by the Chief of the Bureau in Supplement 1 to Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 96, now available. These rules and regulations become effective April 15.

19. THE BERMUDA ONION DEAL FOR WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT, TEXAS, SEASON 1925, by E. D. Mallison, is a complete report which is now off the press, in mimeograph form.

20. THE LAREDO, TEXAS, BERMUDA ONION DEAL, SEASON 1925, a summary by Geo. E. Prince is another contribution from the Fruit and Vegetable Division which is now ready.

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E. Newton Bates, in Charge, Grain Investigations, Portland, Oregon, and R. E. Merrick, Bureau of Public Roads, arrange the Department of Agriculture radio talks, given over station KGW, the Morning Oregonian, Portland, on Fridays. Last week C. L. Dutcher, in Charge, Warehousing, in representing this Bureau told about "Public Warehousing of Agricultural Products". Other Bureaus will be heard from each week and they invite their distant friends who possess sensitive receiving sets and that peculiar modern physical accomplishment of fishing in the air, to synchronize their receiving apparatus to about 491.5 meters wave length on Friday evenings between 7:45 and 8:00 o'clock Pacific Coast time, if they care to hear these silver tongued orators of the Rose City.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

During the absence of Dr. C.J. Galpin who is in Europe for five months Dr. E.L. Kirkpatrick will be in charge of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. He will handle all matters of a special nature which may arise as well as the routine procedure of the Division.

Congratulations are extended H. E. Rutland and best wishes to his bride, who was Miss Helen Hoyt, of Presque Isle, Maine. The marriage took place at Presque Isle on Wednesday, March 31.

A.M. Agelasto, Cotton Division, left Sunday for a two-weeks' trip through the South for the purpose of investigating prices and quotations established for spot cotton by the spot cotton exchanges and securing information which will assist with the enforcement of the cotton futures act.

Mrs. Justine Warner, Photographic Laboratory, has recovered from an illness of ten days caused from being overcome with carbon monoxide gas in her home. The water heater was improperly lighted causing gas to escape and Mrs. Warner was found unconscious. It took three hours to revive her.

The following men of Agricultural Cooperation are on travel status: Chris L. Christensen has gone to New York, Ithaca and Boston to interview prospective candidates for the Bureau at Columbia, Cornell and Harvard Universities. George O. Gatlin is in New York to confer with representatives of the Pacific Coast Egg Producers Cooperative Association regarding their operations. A. W. McKay and J. H. Lister have gone to Massachusetts and New Hampshire to help organize cooperative associations of apple growers and to establish an accounting system.

R.P. Teele, Agricultural Economist, Division of Land Economics, who is making a study of drainage districts in the South is in the office for a few days.

J. E. Barr, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will go to points in New York and Michigan the last of this week to confer with shippers, jobbers and others regarding the U. S. standards for beans with special reference to possible revisions in the standards. The application of the standards under a Federal inspection service also will be given consideration. Some time will be spent with large canners at Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Chillicothe and other points in working out some important details of the application of the standards. This itinerary will keep Mr. Barr away about four weeks.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Maude Fowler Dacey, Drafting Section, in the loss of her brother who died yesterday following an illness of several months.

Edward R. Coleman, grain supervisor in the Chicago District office, directed the musical program Sunday, April 4, for the "Little Brown Church," which is broadcast by WLS every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. This service is put on especially for the farming community of the country and is a popular radio feature.

James K. Wallace left Washington April 13 for a two month's trip in Virginia, West Virginia and New Mexico to take part in a series of livestock improvement meetings with special reference to aiding stockmen in the shipment of cattle and lambs according to the tentative standard market classes and grades of livestock. In Virginia, Mr. Wallace will take part in a series of livestock meetings being held by local organizations, and cooperative livestock shippers, stressing the use during the coming season of standard grades and classes in shipping lambs and cattle. In New Mexico a new type of grading demonstrations will be held in which several hundred range cattle will be graded, marked and weighed before being sent out in the range. In November these same cattle will be regarded and relative gains and improvement made by cattle of different grades noted.

We are glad to learn the Los Angeles staff has recovered from the illness suffered from being vaccinated during the recent small pox epidemic in that city.

Fred G. Smith, Grain Inspection Efficiency and W.P. Carroll, Division Supervisor, both of the Field Headquarters, Chicago, were in the Minneapolis Grain office several days last week, and Laurel Duval, Chief Grain Inspector of the New York Produce Exchange called at that office recently also. Mr. Duval was formerly Division Supervisor of our New York Grain office.

Mrs. Esther B. Lyvers, Livestock Division has gone to her home in South Dakota on account of the illness of her mother, whom she will bring to Chicago for treatment. Mrs. Lyvers plans to be away, about three weeks.

Ralph H. von Glahn, of New Jersey, has been given a cooperative appointment as Agent, in connection with his present position as State Marketing Agent in Florida, with headquarters at Jacksonville. Mr. von Glahn completed the agricultural course at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., and has been in the cooperative employ of this Bureau as a shipping-point inspector in various eastern States, since 1922.

Sympathy is extended to W.M. Amidon, Minneapolis, in the loss of his father who died after a short illness.

Don J. Slater of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division left Washington Thursday, April 8, for a two month's trip during which he will assist Prof. F. G. King of the Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station and A. T. Edinger of this Department in grading cattle fed by a number of the middle western experiment stations as a part of the experiments started last year under the Purnell Act, having for one of their objects the discovery of the factors which determine quality in beef.

D.W. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool, is on a field trip to purchase samples of wool to be used in the preparation of the official grades of wool and the tentative international wool grades. He will go to Boston, Philadelphia and Wheeling.

William E. Doble, Assistant Marketing Specialist, of the Boston Livestock, Meats and Wool Division has tendered his resignation effective April 15, to accept a position in commercial activities.

Mr. Doble was appointed to the Washington office by transfer from the Bureau of Animal Industry in February 1918. In 1923 he went to Boston to organize the Market News Service on Wool which has been endorsed by growers, manufacturers and the trade. The reports and reviews have been of value in foreign countries as well as at home, according to letters they have had from abroad requesting that the service be continued.

With his resignation, Mr. Doble writes that he sincerely appreciates the pleasant associations and friendships formed among the Washington staff, and that his work has been an interesting and profitable experience. Our good wishes go with Mr. Doble in his new field.

A Bon Voyage basket of choice fruits was sent to the S.S. President Harding for Dr. and Mrs. Galpin when they sailed from New York last week. A card from the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life expressed every good wish for fair weather and an enjoyable trip.

Miss Psyche Clemens, of the Kansas City office, was off duty the first part of this week, because of the death of her grandmother.

Martin F. Haggerty, Assistant Supervisor of the Omaha, Nebr. Grain Office, is being transferred to the Duluth, Minn. branch. He is due to arrive in Duluth about April 15.

Miss Georgia E. Cantrell and Miss Clara V. Kelly of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, and Miss Avis B. Damon of the Cost of Marketing Division, have been transferred to the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. Miss Cantrell will direct the collection and compilation of the various statistical data required for the Grain, Hay and Feed Market News Service, and will be assisted by Miss Damon and Miss Kelly.

E.G.Parker and S.H.Pearce, Cotton Division, went last week to Clemson College, S.C., for a demonstration in cotton classing. A cooperative study is being made in connection with the college to determine the quality and price of cotton in country markets and a number of samples had been accumulated for this purpose. From there Mr. Parker went to New York to consult with the Chairman of the New York Board of Cotton Examiners regarding delivery of cotton on future contracts, while Mr. Pearce is still in the South to observe phases of cotton spinning in the mills of that section and to purchase cotton for use in the preparation of official standards.

When Foster F. Elliott returns to Washington next week, he will be accompanied by his Board of Lady Managers. Miss Florence Esther Street of Northfield, Minn., and Mr. Elliott were married at Oxford, Ohio, on Monday. They will be at home at Clifton Terrace, South, Apartment 112. We congratulate Mr. Elliott and wish them many years of happiness.

Mrs. Anna B. Wiley is on sick leave. She will undergo an operation for sinus trouble this week.

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THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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1. BUREAU TO OCCUPY NEW
BUILDING THIS WEEK.

After much delay, the lease has been executed for our possession of the building at Linworth Place and C Streets erected by private capital for rental by this Bureau. The address is 300 Linworth Place, Southwest.

John F. Barghausen, Investigator in Agricultural Technology, who needs no introduction to most of us, deserves much credit for planning the building and designing its many special features to meet the needs of our work. To him also is due credit for his painstaking efforts to have the construction meet first-class specifications.

The building is of four-story brick and concrete construction designed especially for the cotton standardization work. Skylights of the very latest design have been installed on the fourth floor. It is equipped with an up-to-date sprinkler system, and other precautions have been taken to guard against fire in the warehouse rooms where cotton is to be stored. All offices and laboratory space are being covered with battleship linoleum, and a frigidaire water cooling system has been installed.

Cotton warehouse space equipped with overhead carriers and platforms to store 400 open bales of cotton has been provided on the first floor. A cotton chute devised to eliminate the handling of waste cotton in the elevator runs from the classing room on the fourth floor to the first floor baling room. A cotton warehouse on the second floor will care for the storage of waste, rejects and surplus bales of cotton. Skylight space has also been arranged for linter standardization work. Adequate office space for the cotton division is provided on the third floor.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division has been assigned skylight rooms on the fourth floor, with space for storing hay on the first floor, and office space on the third floor, south wing.

The Wool Project will have skylight space and adjoining offices on the fourth floor.

The Division of Land Economics has been assigned office rooms on the second floor, south wing.

The new building makes it possible for the first time for the Cotton Division to have all of its personnel and materials located in one place, so that the work of that division, particularly in the preparation of cotton standards, can be done with a maximum of efficiency, comfort and convenience.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT.

A meeting of the library staff of the entire Department will be held Thursday afternoon, April 22, promptly at 4:30 in the Reference Room of the main Library.

Subject: The rural Socrates, will be discussed by Miss Mary G. Lacy.

Attn. Miss Trolinger,
Washington, D. C.

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3. PARTY PLANS DEFINITELY ABANDONED.

Members of the executive committee in conference with Mr. Tenny and Mr. Kitchen yesterday morning, definitely decided to abandon plans for the Bureau Party.

As is generally known, because of the unexpected delay in obtaining possession of the new building erected for us at Linworth Place and C Street, no date for the party could be set and plans have been held in abeyance for some time. Now that the lease has been signed, the Bureau is losing no time in moving into the new quarters. It would not be feasible to attempt to stage the party after much of the space has been taken up with furniture and equipment and large quantities of cotton are stored in the building. And so in calling off the party, the committee says "Yours for better luck next time!"

4. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THIS BUREAU ASSIST IN HOME ECONOMICS MEETING.

Mr. Olsen, Assistant Chief; Dr. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life; H. R. Tolley, Farm Management and Dr. Gray, Land Economics, attended the conference at the Bureau of Home Economics which was called on Saturday by Secretary Jardine at the suggestion of President Coolidge. About twenty-five prominent nutrition experts, dietetians, agriculturists, and economists were present. The object of this meeting was to determine the food habits of the American families, what they are consuming and how it approaches the standards of diet recommended by nutrition experts. Dr. Kirkpatrick and Dr. Gray took part in the general discussion, and by reason of their knowledge of farm living habits they aided materially by their practical suggestions.

It was proposed to make a brief survey of the food habits of all families; farm, labor, and professional, in a given area and to substantiate the results with a similar study made about thirty years ago by the late Dr. W. O. Atwater of the Department who was considered the pioneer in nutrition. Food consumption, production, surpluses and the relation of food prices to the agricultural situation will all be considered from the results of the proposed study.

5. VALUABLE DATA BEING COLLECTED FOR SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION EXHIBIT.

In preparing for an exhibit for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, W. C. Funk, Farm Management, was in southeastern Pennsylvania last week collecting data on changes in farm organization in that section from 1800 to 1920. He went to Doylestown where a collection of old farming implements has been made and to Pennsburg to consult records in the historical library there. Mr. Funk proposes to arrange a farming schedule of crops and live-stock raised a century ago, and apply such a schedule to his grandfather's farm which will be used as an illustration of early farming. Because of its location and early history this farm affords an excellent opportunity for this purpose. It was purchased by Mr. Funk's great-great-grandfather, the deed having been signed by Thomas Penn; son of William Penn.

6. STATISTICAL CONFERENCE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

We seldom have as representative a conference as that which was held last week by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates at Topeka, Kansas. About 50 men representing 30 states and the District of Columbia were there. This included the Northern and Western states and a small part of the cotton belt. The discussions related chiefly to technical problems of estimating, but the benefits of the conference were far more important than the technical information gained. The inspiration and stimulus which the men got from contacts with each other can hardly be measured. The juniors - the bright young fellows who are making the old fellows step up - are enabled to form an estimate of the value of things and occasionally to learn something that hasn't been taught them in school. It is a good thing to offset the enthusiasm of youth by the wisdom of experience.

Incidentally we were impressed with the variety of problems in these United States. There are many provinces with an innumerable array of problems presenting themselves. Through conferences of this character the men are able to help each other to find solutions. - J.C.M.

7. ADDRESS KANSAS STUDENTS.

J. Clyde Marquis and W. F. Callandar went to Manhattan after the Topeka Conference where Mr. Marquis addressed the weekly conference of all students in industrial journalism, at the Kansas State Agricultural College, and Mr. Callandar gave a lecture to all the students in economics on statistical work.

8. DR. KIRKPATRICK TO TEACH AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, has been granted leave to teach two courses at the Cornell University summer school. "Rural Standards of Living" a course for advanced students, teachers and investigators, will study farm family living conditions from the technical, the economic and the social aspects. "Rural Social Problems" for extension workers, ministers and others will be an introductory study considering health, standard of life, education, religion, the family, recreation, government and community organization.

Dr. Kirkpatrick plans to leave July 4 and will be at Cornell six weeks.

9. AMERICAN DAIRY FEDERATION HOLDS CONFERENCE.

With an attendance of about 50 representatives from cities all over the country, the American Dairy Federation is holding a 3-day conference in Washington to learn how the Department is serving the dairy industry. This afternoon the session is being held in the Conference Room when the work of the various divisions will be explained. Mr. Cooper, Chief of the Bureau, will make the opening address. Mr. Olsen, Mr. Tenny, and division leaders will take part. On Wednesday morning a tour of the Bureau will be made when they will visit the Telegraph Office, Cotton and Wool Standardization laboratories and other places of interest.

10. THE CENTRALIZED SUPPLY DIVISION
WILL MOVE TO LINWORTH PLACE.

C. W. Kitchen, Business Manager of the Bureau has announced that the Centralized Supply Division of the Department will move to 221 Linworth Place and will serve the various divisions of our Bureau direct for all ordinary office supplies, functioning in about the same manner as the centralized supply room in the Bieber Building has functioned during the past year and a half.

This Centralized Supply Division of the Department, therefore, will furnish supplies to all divisions of this Bureau located in our new building at Linworth Place and C Street, the building at 221 Linworth Place, the Bieber Building, and the building at 14th and B Streets, Southwest. The divisions or units located in C and F Buildings and Center Market will continue to receive their supplies by direct requisition on Mr. Pevare's office. Requisitions on the central department supply division will be presented in duplicate, the original being retained in that office and the carbon forwarded to Mr. Pevare's office. The divisions will be billed monthly for the supplies furnished.

Attention has been called, in the past, to the number of trips made by messengers from the various divisions to our supply room in the Bieber Building each day for small supplies, sometimes coming as many as four and five times in one day for pencils. While it is not desired that the divisions keep supplies to any extent on hand in their respective units, it is felt that a small supply cabinet is essential and that it should not be necessary for any one division to send to the Centralized Supply Division more than once each day for general supplies unless an unforeseen emergency arises. It is, therefore, suggested that Head Clerks arrange to see that sufficient supplies are on hand to take care of requirements from day to day.

There will be no change in the present system of handling supplies to be used in the field.

In order that the responsibility for ordering supplies may be centralized in the division, it is requested that the Head Clerk and some other responsible person be properly designated to sign requisitions presented at the Centralized Supply Division. The names of the persons so designated should be forwarded to the Supply Division through the office of the Business Manager. The Centralized Supply Division will honor only requisitions signed by the persons whose names have been approved and are on file.

11. CONCERNING CARBON COPIES OF
LETTERS FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE.

A request has come to this Bureau from Senator Norris through the Office of the Secretary, that letters concerning bills pending in Congress, being prepared for the Secretary's signature and addressed to Hon. George W. Norris of the Senate and to Hon. Gilbert N. Haugen of the House of Representatives, must have six carbon copies.

12. PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE HELD AT REQUEST OF TANNERS.

Secretary Jardine opened the Hide Conference in the conference room on Monday. This Department, cooperating with the Department of Commerce, held this preliminary meeting at the request of the Tanners' Council who have been greatly interested in the grading and marketing features of this Department as shown in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1055 on hides and skins, by C. V. Whalin, Livestock, Meats and Wool, with assistance from other Department workers. This bulletin has been re-printed several times and also translated into the Portuguese and Spanish for use in South America.

Plans for controlling the cattle grub were discussed, as the loss due to this pest has been estimated at from 50 million to 100 million dollars per annum. Other subjects discussed were diseases which would affect the hides, skinning, curing, classification and marketing and statistics. Mr. Whalin was assigned to four of the seven committees that discussed these subjects and presented recommendations on grading and marketing of hides with a view to calling a major conference at a future time. Secretary Hoover of the Department of Commerce made an address at the afternoon session.

13. TOURNAMENTS BRING BOWLING SEASON TO CLIMAX.

Next Friday night promises to be a big night for the Bureau bowlers who have entered the annual duckpin tournament of the Department of Agriculture. About six teams of ladies and an equal number of male quintets from the Bureau leagues, as well as many single and double entries, have been scheduled to participate. The tournament is a handicap affair. The bowling will take place on Coliseum alleys at 7 and 9 p. m.

Several of the ladies' teams have also entered the Washington Ladies annual duckpin tournament to be held on the same alleys the week of April 26. A Bureau team consisting of Mrs. Greevy, Mrs. Ragan, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Tupper and Miss Viehmann carried off first honors in the B class of the tournament last year.

About 10 or 12 men of the Bureau are scheduled to take part in the Washington City tournament this week.

14. EXHIBIT PLANS PROGRESSING.

Preparation of the Bureau's large exhibit for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia this summer, is being pushed by the Committee consisting of J. Clyde Marquis, Chairman, J. C. Gilbert, W. C. Davis and B. F. Perkins. Headquarters of the committee have been established in Mr. Gilbert's office, room 704 and an erecting room for the exhibits is located in the southwest section of the first floor of the new building at 300 Linworth Place, S.W.

15. LICENSE ISSUED TO BALTIMORE WAREHOUSE.

The Terminal Warehouse Company of Baltimore has the distinction of being the first warehouse company in that city to obtain a license under the United States Warehouse Act.

16. IN CONGRESS:

H.R. 7893, by Mr. Haugen, to create a division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture, was reported out of Senate committee with amendment. The amendment treats of the subject of the disposition of agricultural surpluses, and Senator McNary asked for ten days in which to prepare a report.

H.R. 3858, by Mr. Hoch, to establish in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce a foreign commerce service of the United States, passed the House April 13, and has been referred to the Committee on Commerce in the Senate.

H.R. 7818, by Mr. Andresen, to amend sec. 304 of an act to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in livestock, livestock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, has been reported out of Senate Committee without amendment - report 590.

H.R. 7255, by Mr. Dickstein, to regulate the sale of kosher meat in the District of Columbia, passed the Senate, and has been referred to the President for approval.

H.J. Res. 213, by Mr. Haugen, for participation of the United States in the Third World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa, Canada in 1927, has been referred to the President for signature.

S. 786, by Senator Stanfield, to amend the Retirement Act, has been reported out of the Senate Committee with amendment, report 604.

S. J. Res. 78, by Mr. Jones, of Washington, to amend the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912, was signed by the President on April 13.

New Bills:

S. 3968, by Senator Borah, to provide for the regulation of radio communication.

H.R. 11288, by Mr. Kvale, to provide for buying, storing, processing, and marketing agricultural products in interstate and foreign commerce and especially for thus handling the exportable surplus of agriculture in the United States.

H.R. 11253, by Mr. McKeown, to create a Federal farm committee, a Federal farm loan board, to standardize production, issue debentures, levy an excise tax on purchasers of agricultural products.

H.R. 11327, by Mr. Tincher, to establish a Federal farm advisory council and a farmers' marketing commission; to aid in the development of major cooperative associations for the marketing of agricultural commodities; and to aid in the disposition of surpluses of such commodities

H.R. 11356, by Mr. Hare, to create a Federal farm-surplus bureau, establish a farm-surplus board, and provide for holding corporations to aid in the orderly marketing, control, and disposition of surpluses of agricultural commodities.

17. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 16 are:

American railway association. Car service division. Great Lakes regional advisory board. Handbook ... By-laws and rules of board procedure, list of officers, personnel of standing and special committees, list of general members, February, 1926. [Washington, D.C.? 1926]

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Masse, René. La production des richesses... Paris, M. Giard, 1925.

Michigan elevator exchange. Annual report, 1924/25. Lansing, Mich. [1925]

U.S. Dept. of the interior. Bureau of education. Educational directory: 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Bulletin, 1926, no.1)

U.S. Dept. of the interior. Bureau of education. Statistics of land-grant colleges, year ended June 30, 1923. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Bulletin, 1925. no.19)

U.S. Federal farm loan board. Ninth annual report ... 1925. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U.S. Tariff commission. Costs of producing sugar beets. Pt. III. Nebraska. Report on the farmers' costs of producing sugar beets in Nebraska, 1921, 1922 and 1923. Pt. IV. Colorado. Report on the farmers' costs of producing sugar beets in Colorado, 1921, 1922 and 1923. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

18. HAND BOOK OF OFFICIAL HAY
STANDARDS PRAISED.

In requesting a supply of the hand books of Official Hay Standards, the Alabama Farm Bureau Hay Association compliments the Hay, Feed and Seed Division on the information they contain. The letter to Ed. C. Parker and K. B. Seeds, the State Marketing Agent of Alabama states:

"We find the marketing of hay under Federal Grades to be absolutely satisfactory and without these grades I would not attempt to sell hay in this country... The Hay Association, the Extension Service and the State Department stand ready to cooperate with you at all times toward enlarging this inspection service and getting it into application."

19. NAVY DEPARTMENT ASKS
EXTENSION ON WOOL STANDARDS.

Usefulness of wool standards is again recognized when the Navy Department writes George T. Willingmyre requesting the period of validity to be extended 18 months. The letter says in part:

"The set of wool standards issued to the Navy Supply Depot, at Brooklyn in October, 1924 is still in good condition, and since you stated the set need not to be returned at the expiration of the 18 months if in good condition we would like a renewal to October 1927.---This set of official grades has been used in the past and will continue to be used as a standard in cases of tests or disputes to determine the grades of wool used in different fabrics delivered to the Navy".

20. NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK
RECEIVES WIDE DISTRIBUTION.

Over 22,000 copies of the 1926 outlook report for New England were distributed to farmers in New England. This report was prepared by representatives of the agricultural colleges of New England and the United States Department of Agriculture under the auspices of the New England Research Council on Marketing and Food Supply. In addition to the large number of copies distributed to farmers the leading daily and weekly papers carried all or a part of the report. Last year, 12,000 copies were distributed.

21. REPORTS ON FARM LIVING PROBLEMS
OF VALUE IN TEACHING.

The Division of Farm Population and Rural Life has received the following commendation from a professor of rural social science:

"I want to express my appreciation of the mimeographed reports of farm living conditions in various states, which I have been receiving from your Division recently. They are very interesting and valuable studies, throwing more light on the rural standard of life, which, I think, should be the center of attack on rural problems."

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22. CAUSES AND CONDITIONS OF RETIREMENT OF 100 RETIRED FARMERS LIVING IN MOUNT HOREB, WISCONSIN, a preliminary report by Veda Larson Turner, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, is based on a study made in 1923, and covers a generation. The recent interest in movements of farm families away from farms into cities creates a demand for retirement facts. Among the interesting tables in this unique study are age and year of retirement to town, reasons for retirement, number of children and their education.
23. MEASURES OF AGRICULTURAL PURCHASING POWER, is the subject of an address by L.H.Bean, Statistical and Historical Research, before the American Farm Economic Association, Round Table on Index Numbers New York, December 30, 1925. This address which has been mimeographed and is available indicates briefly the practical significance of the purchasing power of the farmer's income as a measure of agricultural welfare and as an element in the business activity of the country as a whole.
24. DISCOVERING HOME SUPPLIES AND HOME MARKETS, the article by Miss Sherman that was published in the February number of The American City, is reprinted in full in the March number of Texas Municipalities.
25. THE ECONOMIC LIMITS OF THE COST OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION, by R.P. Teele, Land Economics and Utilization, cooperating with Paul A.Ewing, Bureau of Public Roads, is a preliminary report which is a part of a general study of the economic limits of water for irrigation.
26. THE WESTERN TENNESSEE STRAWBERRY DEAL, season 1925, a summary by G.D.Clark gives daily shipment information for 1924 compared with 1925. It also contains destinations and unloads in the various cities.
27. FARM MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE YAKIMA VALLEY, particularly on the irrigated farms in the alfalfa and potato districts, are analyzed and discussed, with recommendations, in Department Bulletin 1388, now being distributed. E. R. Johnson and S. B. Nuckols are the authors. Footnote credit is given to Miss Sadie Cox of the Division of Farm Management and Costs for assistance on the tabulations, and to workers in Washington State for various kinds of cooperation.
28. REVISED ESTIMATES OF CROP ACREAGES from 1862 to 1919 have made their first appearance in print as Department Circular 373. The revised estimates in this circular are for the State of New York. The authors are Donald Jackson and Joseph A. Becker.
29. STEPS TO NEBRASKA FARM OWNERSHIP, Cooperative Bulletin 210 by J. O. Rankin, Associate Professor in Rural Economics, University of Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, is ready for distribution. Credit is given Dr. C. J. Galpin, Farm Population and Rural Life, and Dr. L. C. Gray, Land Economics, who assisted in a survey conducted in 1920. Copies may be obtained from the College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebraska.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Cooper, Chief of the Bureau, returned to the office Monday after attending the Livestock Statistical Conference in Topeka, Kansas, last week.

H.H. Willis, in charge of the cotton testing work of this Bureau at Clemson College, S.C., is in Washington for a few days.

A.W. Palmer, in charge of the Cotton Division, and Dr. B. Youngblood, Consulting Economist, will leave Thursday night to attend the 18th annual meeting of the State Cotton Exchange which convenes in Oklahoma City April 24.

Robert Waldie, of the Wichita, Kansas office of Grain Warehousing, is in the Washington office for several days, on official business.

A visitor in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, last week was Henry Israel, Executive Secretary of the American Country Life Association, New York City, who was in Washington to arrange for their annual conference to be held here next fall. The subject for consideration will be "Country Youth" especial emphasis being given to the interests of farm boys and girls. Activities of this organization are closely related to the work of this Bureau therefore Dr. Galpin and Dr. Kirkpatrick are keenly interested in the proposed meeting.

L.B. Burk of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division left Washington April 21 for White Sulphur Springs, Virginia to assist in grading the cattle in that State to be used in the nation wide study of the factors that determine the quality and palatability of meat. On April 26 Mr. Burk will be in Blacksburg, Virginia where he will grade cattle for the same purpose.

H.W. Hawthorne, Farm Management, has returned from a two-weeks' trip to Newark, Delaware where he assisted in working up and tabulating the data from a farm business survey of 92 farms in northern Newcastle county for 1925. Farmers in this section produced corn, wheat, hay, and oats, with small acreages of truck crops, the more important of which were potatoes and tomatoes. A few of the farms have small apple orchards which gave good returns in 1925. For the eighteen best farms the farm income averaged \$3,241 per farm, the labor income, \$2,396 and the family living from the farm, \$595.

M.L. Wilson, Farm Management, is expected in his office tomorrow after an absence of about 7 weeks.

L. W. Stephenson, Supervising Hay Inspector, of Atlanta, Ga. spent April 9 and 10 in Washington while on annual leave. During his stay in Washington he conferred with W. A. Wheeler, Edward C. Parker and K. B. Seeds of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division relative to the supervision and promotion of Federal Hay Inspection in the Cotton Belt States.

A.B. Genung, Information, spent last week-end in Ithaca and Freeville, New York.

C.L. SNOW called up the other morning to say there was another BLIZZARD in Chicago. Miss Ina M. Nelson, clerk in the Hay, Feed and Seed office there, was married on Saturday, April 10, to Mr. Blizzard. Our best wishes to them! In the marriage of Miss Nelson, the Chicago office of the Hay, Feed and Seeds raised its matrimonial record to 100 per cent. Every person who has been employed in the Chicago office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, since it was established in 1917, either was married when entering the office or has joined the matrimonial ranks very shortly thereafter. During this period Misses Janet Spencer, Blanche B. Knox, Gertrude Schiller, in addition to Miss Nelson, who served as clerks in the office, and H.H. Whiteside, Supervising Hay Inspector, and R.E. Webster, Hay Inspector, have been married. The Hay, Feed and Seed Division finds no difficulty in getting applicants to fill positions in its office. No further advertising than this seems to be necessary. It has been suggested that Mr. Edler, Mr. Irwin, Miss Bell, and perhaps some of the others in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division in Washington, might well be transferred to Chicago for a short period to see if the same results would be obtained on cases such as these.

Messrs. W. A. Wheeler and G. A. Collier left Washington Sunday for a week's trip in the interest of the grain, hay and feed market news service and the hay and broomcorn inspection services. Mr. Wheeler is to visit Kansas City and Chicago to confer with representatives of the field offices and with candidates for the market news positions at those two points. Accompanied by Mr. Alguire, who handles the broomcorn work for the Division, he will confer at Springfield, Illinois, with representatives of the State Department of Agriculture and country agents, of the broomcorn producing counties of Illinois, relative to the adoption of U. S. grades for broomcorn and the establishment of a Federal-State broomcorn inspection. Mr. Collier will visit Chicago, Urbana and Springfield, Illinois, LaFayette and Indianapolis, Indiana, Lansing and Detroit, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio, to confer with State Extension Directors and officials of the State Departments of Agriculture relative to the inauguration and distribution of the grain, hay and feed market reviews.

I.H. Richards, Farm Management, returned last week from a field trip to New Hampshire. He will be in Washington for about a week before leaving for Kansas to assist in compiling and analyzing data collected by the State Agricultural College there. Trend in production, prices and costs of the more important crops and livestock will be studied to determine the changes that are likely to occur and the changes that are likely to prove most profitable. Mr. Richards will be gone two months.

M. A. Crosby and R.D. Jennings, Farm Management, have gone on a trip through the Southern states to assist in a cooperative study of methods of management and the organization under which livestock can be included in farming systems of the Coastal Plains region. They left Washington Monday and their itinerary will take them into South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi during the three months they plan to be away.

E. W. Stillwell, Fruits and Vegetables Division, is on an extended trip through the South, West and Northwest. He expects to be away from Washington about two months.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division reports the following changes in personnel: Mrs. Elsie A. Fecher, of the St. Louis office resigned on April 17. Mrs. C.A. Maxwell, of Los Angeles, has also resigned, effective April 16; her place to be filled by Miss Opal Yoeman, who has been transferred from the Washington office. Miss Yoeman left Thursday and plans to stop at her home in Wyoming for two days, reporting at Los Angeles about April 24.

Gilbert R. Warren has completed his assignment on Maine potato inspections and is now located at Hastings, Fla., where he will supervise the inspection work on potatoes for the next six weeks.

George E. Prince who took the inspection training course in Chicago proceeded to Florida, also, and will be there the remainder of the month. He stopped in Washington en route.

E.G. Parker, Cotton Division, has gone to New Orleans, Houston, Dallas and Memphis to consult with the Board of Cotton Examiners in these cities and to investigate cotton marketing conditions regarding reginned cotton.

Miss Gladys M. Doyle, Clerical Pool, has gone to her home in Rhode Island for the summer.

W.D. Gooze of the Fort Worth, Texas Fruit and Vegetable branch reports that the production of onions in Texas is on a boom. One county reports 1,400 acres of a variety this year against 30 acres last year, and 1,200 acres of another variety as compared with 200 acres a year ago. In view of the excellent marketing conditions in disposing of their crop, the farmers are unusually enthusiastic in their plans for this season.

Leonard Little, a pioneer in the breeding of shorthorn cattle, called on his friend, H.K. Holman, Jr., Grain Warehousing, when in Washington to attend the hide conference Monday. Mr. Little is the manager of the famous Harrison stock farms at New Market, Va., a beautiful estate which is considered one of the show places of the East.

W.P. Barbot, of New York; J.J. Haggerty, of New Orleans and Ask Poulton, of Houston, Chairmen of the Board of Cotton Examiners in their respective cities, are in Washington to confer on questions pertaining to classing of cotton.

Hal F. Bryant, of the Louisville branch of Crop and Livestock Estimates was married in that city on April 17, according to advice received by Charles E. Gage. We have not yet learned the name of the lady but we wish them all the happiness in the world.

Mrs. M.E. Pirie, Center Market, sailed Saturday for a ten day vacation in Bermuda.

J.W. Cash, Chicago Grain office, announced with great joy, the arrival of an eight-pound son. So the office force there again enjoyed candy and cigars.

Miss Helen Freer, clerk in the Minneapolis Grain office was severely burned while at the hairdresser's on April 10. She has been under the doctor's care but has been able to attend to her official duties.

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1. IMPORTANT WOOL MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK.

A public hearing on the proposed numerical grades for wool and top will be held in the Conference Room at 10:30 on April 29.

Secretary Jardine will welcome the representatives who will come from all parts of the country. Mr. Tenny, will make an address telling of the work of the Bureau and G. T. Willingmyre will address the meeting on wool and top grades. During the luncheon period the visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the samples at the wool laboratory and the afternoon session will be taken up with discussions on the proposed grades.

Letters have been received from the president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers and other members of the trade as well as from the Wool Growers' Associations commending the efforts of the Bureau toward establishing these grades.

2. YEAR BOOK FOR 1926 TO CONSIST
OF SPECIAL ARTICLES.

According to a memorandum issued by Nelson Antrim Crawford, Director of Information for the Department, the 1926 Yearbook will be the first of a series dealing with recent progress in agricultural methods and sciences. The 1925 Yearbook, now going to press, concludes a series started in 1921 by the late Secretary Wallace. In this series, important branches of agriculture were covered from an economic standpoint. The new series will conform pretty closely to the usual term "Yearbook" in that they will record only new developments.

The Divisions of the Bureau have been requested to submit the topics of proposed articles, brief statements of material to be used and the names of the authors, through our Division of Information this week. It is desirable to have every phase of the Bureau's work adequately represented and it is the intention to publish the volume early in 1927.

3. DR. STINE REACHES ROME
AFTER PLEASANT TRIP.

Mr. Cooper, has received a letter from Dr. O.C. Stine at Rome telling of his arrival one day late, but in time for the meeting on April 12, of the Statistical Committee of the International Institute of Agriculture. In Paris he met E.A. Foley, American Agricultural Commissioner at London, and they went to Rome together. Dr. Stine mentioned that the peach and pear trees were in bloom along the way and the farmers were busy preparing to plant their crops. It has been a pleasant trip Dr. Stine said, and he is ready for the work of the Institute.

4. MEMORANDUM FOR MEN IN CHARGE OF OFFICES
HAVING LEASED WIRE CONNECTIONS.

C. W. Kitchen makes the following announcement relative to the use of the leased wire:

"There has been a growing tendency, in certain cities, on the part of persons not in the employ of this Bureau, or of the Department, to file messages for transmission by leased wire which should properly be sent over commercial wires at their expense.

As you know, the leased wire facilities of this Bureau are for the most part already heavily loaded with the telegraphic work of the Bureau. The business of the Bureau must be given preference over any other business. It is our desire, however, to assist representatives of other bureaus in the Department in the handling of emergency telegraphic work in so far as our facilities will permit. The use of the leased wire by persons not in the employ of the Department is prohibited.

Please see that the operators in your office are familiar with the contents of this memorandum."

5. VIRGINIA HIGHLANDERS INTERESTED
IN LIVESTOCK GRADES.

For the past week, James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, has been in the mountain section of Virginia taking part in livestock meetings held by local organizations and by cooperative shippers. He has urged the use of standard grades and classes in shipping lambs and cattle, and his suggestions have found favor with the shippers. His letter to C.V. Whalin reads in part:

"It would surprise you to see and to hear the expressions of appreciation of the Department of Agriculture for sending a man to them, up in those mountain coves, to give them information on the national lamb situation and to tell them of market requirements as to quality and grading, etc. As one man said, he never realized the Department had such good personal interest in them and their welfare as to give them a picture of general conditions at first hand, and asked me to convey their thanks to you folks at the Capital, which I hereby do."

6. CALIFORNIA MEN TAKE PART
IN STATE MEETING

H. A. Harris and C. J. Hansen, Fruit and Vegetable men stationed in Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively, told of the work of the Bureau at a meeting of the California Development Association in Los Angeles this spring. These gentlemen also presented statistics which they had gathered and which contributed to the matter under discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to consider ways and means of advancing the use of economic statistics in California. The principal speaker was Dr. Alonzo Taylor, Director of Food Research Institute of Stanford University and there were 127 representatives present.

7. MEMORIAL TO WORLD WAR FORCES
OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROPOSED.

President Coolidge has endorsed the movement to erect a Memorial in Potomac Park, to the Armed Forces from the District of Columbia during the World War.

Plans have been drafted to raise a beautiful Doric Temple of white marble to be used for band concerts in Potomac Park near the Lincoln Memorial, the site chosen by the Fine Arts Commission. Thus Washington will have the privilege of honoring her 26,000 sons who served the Nation during the late War. Names of the 258 who paid the supreme sacrifice will be inscribed upon the marble ceiling of this temple.

In the letter enclosing his contribution, President Collidge says:

"This is an exceedingly worthy proposal, not only because it is a fitting testimonial to the admiration which is held for those who made this great sacrifice, but also on account of the appropriate and beautiful memorial it is proposed to erect.... I want to commend your proposal to the people of the District."

Contributions should be made through a representative appointed for each division in Washington, who will report to Miss Mayme Parker, the Bureau representative.

8. STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL
TAXATION BEING MADE.

A cooperative study of agricultural taxation problems is in progress in the state of Oklahoma. R. Wayne Newton, Agricultural Finance, with J. T. Sanders, Oklahoma A. & M. College have charge of collecting and examining data which will show the relation of taxes to the net returns from rented farms. Activities were started by making a study of public records in the State House at Oklahoma City. Plans are now being made to circularize the owners of about 20,000 rented farms in all sections of the State. Intensive field investigations are also planned for certain counties, where rented city property, as well as rented farms, will be observed. Studies will also be made to determine the effect of existing methods of financing State and local government on farm taxation and the returns from farm investments.

9. OFFICES USING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

The following offices are using daylight saving time, either by law or to conform with local business conditions: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago. Beginning April 25 the daily office schedule started an hour earlier in these cities.

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Mr. Marquis will deliver two lectures before the class in bulletin writing on April 29 and May 4. This course given by Dr. M. C. Merrill, Editorial Chief of the Division of Publications is one of the educational series of the Department, and meets at 4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Motion Picture Laboratory on "C" Street.

Mr. Marquis will talk on the "Bureau Editor's Conception of the Problem of Bulletin Writing" and "Editorial Technique".

10. INTERESTING REPORT FROM THE
SAN FRANCISCO DAIRY OFFICE.

A lively report has been received from the San Francisco branch of Dairy and Poultry Products, showing so much progress that it has been necessary to move into new quarters. They are now located in Room "A", Ferry Building. With the establishing of the Federal-State inspection service on butter, eggs and cheese, their force has been increased to six members with an additional egg inspector at Petaluma and another requested for Santa Cruz. Prices published by our San Francisco people are used as the official quotations of one of the mercantile exchanges of the city, and our inspectors pass on all goods sold on that exchange. During the month of March 461 individual inspections were made.

F. H. McCampbell, in charge of the office, is supervisor of the butter and cheese inspections and H. G. F. Hamann is supervisor of the egg inspections. We believe the other branch offices will be greatly interested in the splendid record our friends in the Golden Gate City have made.

11. WORK OF LIVESTOCK
DIVISION COMPLIMENTED.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool upon invitation of the President of Ye Olde New York branch of the Master Butchers of America, Inc., contributed an article to the Annual Trade Journal. President Kramer, in speaking of the livestock work of the Bureau, said: "We should like to know more about the splendid work of the Department of Agriculture and the efforts being put forth to cooperate with the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers to improve retail meat trade conditions".

Mr. Davis is the author of an article, "Standard Beef Grades is Great Need", which appeared in the March issue of The Cattleman".

12. CROP ESTIMATES LADIES
FEATURE AGGIE TOURNAMENT.

Twenty-seven teams and 50 doubles and 100 singles participated in the Agricultural tournament last Friday, and the affair went over with a bang.

The feature was the bowling of the ladies' team of Crop Estimates. These fair pin spillers made a brutal assault on the new and shining ducks and counted 1,582 for their set, good enough to win the fourth-place prize of \$10. As the tournament was a handicap affair, the actual scores were somewhat lower, but at that they beat out some of the best teams in the department, including the strong Property five considered Agriculture's best bet. Other ladies' teams which received honorable mention were: Farm Management, 1,561; Livestock, 1,535; and Information, 1,534.

Messrs. Barber and H. B. Dixon came out fourth in the doubles, while Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Pagen of Farm Management figured prominently in the runners-up. Harry L. McQuinn won third prize in the singles event and split third prize with a Mr. Young of some other bureau in the men's individual high games. Miss Walter, of Crop Estimates, had to divide first and second prizes with a Mrs. Ingraham, in the ladies' individual high game event. Miss Kelly, of Livestock, and Miss Corsette of Crop Estimates, divided third prize in that event.

13. FEDERAL HAY INSPECTOR
APPOINTED AT CINCINNATI.

The stationing of a Federal hay inspector at Cincinnati is a big step in the Federal hay inspection work. Much of the hay moving from producing sections in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan to the consuming territory in the Cotton States of the southeast passes through the Cincinnati market, and the placing of an inspector at Cincinnati will increase materially the opportunities for Southern consumers to buy hay on the basis of Federal inspection. One of the largest dealers at Cincinnati has already agreed to have all hay handled by him inspected and it is expected that much more business of this kind will be obtained as soon as the Cincinnati office is ready to begin work.

C. L. Shiley has been appointed as Assistant Marketing Specialist in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division of this Bureau. Mr. Shiley who was formerly Assistant Grain Supervisor for the Grain Division at Philadelphia, for the past two years has been a grain and hay inspector for the Port Commission of Norfolk, Virginia, at the public elevator in that city. It is expected that Mr. Shiley will come to Washington about May 1 and have about two weeks training here, then a few days each at Chicago and Kansas City. He then will go to Cincinnati, his permanent headquarters, as Federal Hay Inspector at that point.

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14. PARIS TAKES APPLES IN CARLOAD LOTS is the title of a report by Edwin Smith, foreign representative in France, in which he tells how the appetites of "Gay Paree" have been intrigued with the attractive American apples! Copies of this report may be had from the Foreign Section.
15. THE 1925-1926 DIRECTORY OF WORKERS IN STATE COLLEGES AND EXPERIMENT STATIONS is ready for distribution. It is listed as Miscellaneous Circular No.58, Office of Experiment Stations. Copies may be had from Miss Thomas.
16. THE TEXAS TOMATO DEAL, 1925 SEASON, by E.D.Harrison, is a review of the section around Jacksonville, Texas. Both text and tables give interesting facts concerning the industry.
17. THE MISSOURI STRAWBERRY DEAL, SEASON 1925, by Geo. E. Prince, is a summary of the Monett section and covers the various phases of producing, shipping and distribution of this commodity.
18. NEGRO FARMERS AS TENANTS AND OWNERS, as revealed in a detailed study by W. S. Scarborough, then collaborating with this Bureau, form the theme of Department Bulletin 1404 now off the press. The study was made in Southampton County, Virginia. Dr. Gray supervised the planning, execution and reporting of the work.
19. AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION IN DENMARK, Department Bulletin No.1266, by Chris L. Christensen, has been reprinted in Russian, according to advice received in this office.

20. IN CONGRESS:

H.R. 5677, by Mr. Perkins, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, has been reported out of committee without amendment, report 955.

H.R. 11253, by Mr. McKeown, to create a Federal farm committee, a Federal farm loan board, to standardize production, issue debentures, and levy an excise tax on purchasers of agricultural products, passed the House April 21.

S. 2465, by Senator Gooding, to amend an act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes, has been signed by the Speaker of the House and the Vice President.

S. 2965, by Senator Capper, to prevent discrimination against farmers' cooperative associations by boards of trade and similar organizations, passed the Senate on April 19, and has been referred to the Committee on Claims in the House.

H.R. 7255, by Mr. Dickstein, to regulate the sale of kosher meat in the District of Columbia, has been signed by the President.

NEW BILLS:

S. 4012, by Senator Capper, to establish a Federal farm advisory council and a farmers' marketing commission; to aid in the development of major cooperative associations for the marketing of agricultural commodities and the acquisition thereby of adequate facilities, and to aid in the disposition of surpluses of such commodities.

S. 4057, by Senator Dill, for the regulation of radio communication.
(This is a substitute for the White bill)

H.R. 11387, by Mr. Fort, to establish a Federal farm board and to provide for the creation of agricultural corporations.

H.R. 11422, by Mr. Vinson of Georgia, to amend the act entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semi-monthly cotton-crop reports and providing for their publication simultaneously with the ginning reports of the Department of Commerce.

H.R. 11449, by Mr. Jones, declaring an emergency in respect to certain agricultural commodities.

21. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 23 are:

- Co-operative productive federation limited. Co-operators' 1926 year book. Leicester [1926]
- Dick, A. W., McElveen, G. R. and Peebles, L.M. Lee County, economic and social... Columbia, S.C. 1925. (Bulletin of the University of South Carolina, no.156, Feb. 1, 1925)
- Faure, Blattman & co., London. Review of the oil and fat markets, 1924-1925. London, 1925-26.
- Fehr, Frank & company. Review of the oilseed & oil markets for 1924-25. London, 1924-25.
- National association of wool manufacturers. Annual wool review, 1925... Boston, Mass., The Murray printing company, 1926. (Bulletin, v.56, extra no.1, March 1926)
- U. S. Children's bureau. Child labor in fruit and hop growing districts of the northern Pacific coast, by Alice Channing... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Bureau publication no. 151)
- U. S. Children's bureau. Child labor in representative tobacco-growing areas, by Harriet A. Byrne... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. Bureau publication no. 155)
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on the judiciary. Amendment to Employees' compensation act. Hearing... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H. R. 7960, H. R. 8530 and H. R. 8043. February 2, 1926. Serial 6. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on appropriations. Independent offices appropriation bill, 1927. Hearings... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H.R. 9341... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on interstate commerce. Interest rates for carriers. Hearing... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 2929... March 6, 1926. Washington, D. C., 1926.
- U. S. Treasury. Comptroller of the currency. Individual statements of condition of national banks at the close of business September 28, 1925... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

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The Committee on exhibits for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition announces that work began Monday morning in the workshop at 300 Linworth Place. C.E. Meyers and Clifford H. Cox of the Drafting Section have been assigned to decorate the objects of art.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Cooper left Sunday for a brief stop in St. Louis en route to the southern cotton markets. He will be in Houston on Wednesday.

Mr. Olsen, Assistant Chief, is attending the Central States Extension Conference, at Ames, Iowa, this week. In addressing the meeting Mr. Olsen will tell what is available in this Bureau for Extension workers. The attendance will be made up largely of county agents, home demonstration workers, regional leaders and nutrition specialists.

Edwin Smith, Foreign Representative of Marseille, France sailed last week on the S. S. President Harding. He is due to arrive in Washington on Friday, April 30.

Arthur W. Palmer, in charge Cotton Division and Dr. B. Youngblood, left Saturday for College Station, the Texas A. and M. College, to confer with University workers in regard to cotton studies. From there they will go to Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Little Rock and Memphis to discuss with officials of the ten designated markets on questions relating to differences under the Cotton Futures Act.

Geo. O. Gatlin, Agricultural Cooperation, has gone to New York City to make motion pictures of the marketing process of Pacific Coast eggs, sold through cooperative exchanges. These pictures will complete the Cinema version of cooperative marketing of eggs, the first part of this film which shows the preliminary steps in handling, having been made on the West Coast some time ago. An operator from the Motion Picture Laboratory will go to assist Mr. Gatlin.

Friends of Mrs. Rowland Cuthbert Robin will be interested to learn that she will sail May 5, for Adelaide, Australia to make her home. She will be remembered as Miss Frances Sutton, formerly of the Bureau Library and who was married last October. Mr. Robin came to this country as a scholar man from the University at Adelaide and has been gaining practical experience in construction work. Upon his return to his native land he will take a responsible position with the Government there.

H.R. Tolley, Farm Management, leaves Wednesday for a tour of the Coastal Plains States to confer with officials of the State Colleges and Experiment Stations with regard to the cooperative study to be made by H.A. Crosby and R.D. Jennings who left last week. Mr. Tolley plans to give two weeks to this trip.

Miss Marion Pasbach, Statistical and Historical Research, is recovering from an operation on her tonsils.

E. C. Shoup, Foreign Markets, made stops in Kentucky and Tennessee to confer with tobacco cooperative associations on his return from the Topeka conference.

Miss Marguerite O. Soost, formerly of the Veterans' Bureau, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Elsie Peacher from the St. Louis Fruits and Vegetable Inspection office.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of John Christensen, of the Kansas City Grain Office, in the loss of their infant daughter.

The Telegraph Section reports the following news items: Vacancies in the Washington Office caused by the resignations on April 30, of C. J. Miller and W. J. Walsh will be filled by Walter Mueller who comes from the Associated Press, and by Hubert Hillerman who will report May 10. Glenn H. Bogardus, of Syracuse, will go to Philadelphia May 1 to fill a vacancy which has existed since H. C. Cline was transferred to Richmond, Va., last month. H. B. Keyes formerly of Omaha has been reinstated in the service and is now located at Denver where he takes the place of Jerry Leon, recently transferred to Chicago. Mr. Leon will handle the wire traffic on Fruits and Vegetables in the New South Water Street Market. Edmund P. Gaines will continue to handle the Dairy and Grain traffic in the South Clark Street Office, C. D. Gorman, Pittsburgh, has returned to duty after an absence of four weeks on account of illness. Frank M. Cole, Washington, is taking a 10-day vacation.

Miss Helen Rumble, Statistical and Historical Research, was on sick leave last week.

Miss Katherine Williams, Agricultural Cooperation, has the sympathy of her co-workers in the loss of her father. He died last week at their home near Washington after a lingering illness.

The Section of Periodic Reports in "C" Building has moved into other offices. William Broxton, in charge of the work, will be located in room 4-313 and the force editing the cold storage and livestock reports will be in room 4-315. For the present the telephone numbers will be the same.

We regret to announce the death of E.L. Morris's father who died last week. Mr. Morris is the Grain Supervisor in Kansas City.

Robert R. Saunders, Grain Supervisor, Hutchinson, Kansas, is on a vacation in Lebanon, Mo.

A large class of students from the Nebraska State University visited the Omaha Grain office recently. The work of the Department was explained and the visitors were interested in the Inspection activities of that office.

Miss Leota Laughlin, Telegraph Section, is on a motor trip to Elwood, Ind.

F.C. Robb, Fruits and Vegetables, is on an extended trip which includes parts of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Western Slope Colorado, Salt Lake City, Sacramento and the Northwestern States. The trip to the Central States is for the purpose of aiding in the Department's campaign for more efficient spraying of apples, particularly for the better control of the codling moth. He will attend a conference of Federal supervisors from the western States held at Sacramento the first week in May, which will be attended by our men in that section of the Northwest.

Several members of the Division of Information were on sick leave last week.

Miss Emily Day, of the Library, visited relatives in Philadelphia over the week-end.

Leo J. Schaben, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has gone to Charlestown, South Carolina to attend the Thirteenth National Foreign Trade Convention from April 27 to April 30. The present condition and future possibilities of American foreign trade and related topics are to be discussed at length by practical experts.

Thorland R. Hall who has been in charge of the Inspection Service on Fruits and Vegetables in Boston since last June, is being transferred to St. Louis about June 1 to take charge of the Market News Service on Fruits and Vegetables. In assuming his new duties Mr. Hall will succeed Grant D. Clark who has been assigned to field work.

J. E. Barr, Hay, Feed and Seeds, took part in the Soybean Marketing Conference held in Denton, Maryland. Mr. Barr discussed the development and present status of the industry which has increased nearly fivefold since 1920.

W.J. Holbrook, Agricultural Cooperation, has secured a transfer to the office of the Secretary, Department of Labor, effective April 24. He has been on leave in Evansville, Indiana for three weeks, during which time he received his Bachelor's Degree in law.

Mr. Holbrook came into the Bureau in 1922 and was in the Division of Information until a few months ago when he was transferred to Agricultural Cooperation. Members of that Division presented him with a fountain pen together with their good wishes for success in his new position.

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ALL WORK AND NO PLAY----

Leland J. Graham, Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Sedalia, Mo., early in April, where he and Daniel C. Rogers, State Marketing Agent, inspected shipments of eggs. On morning soon after their arrival, the Sedalia newspaper came out with the following story:

'JUST TOWN TALK.'

"MOST OF	TO THE Cage	AND SEVERAL Times	BUT ANYWAY
YOU FOLKS	AND GREATLY	DURING THE Day	IT WASN'T Until
ARE ACQUAINTED	TO HER Surprise	WAS HEARD To	LATE LAST Evening
WITH THE Parrot	FOUND A Tiny	REMARK	THAT IT Became Known
AT THE Hotel	LITTLE WHITE Egg	"HERE I'VE Had	• THAT A Couple . .
LIBERTY	THEREIN.	THAT PARROT	OF TRAVELING Men
WHICH HAS Been	SHE COULD Hardly	OVER FIVE Years	HAD PLACED
IN THE	BELIEVE HER Eyes	AND THIS Is	THE EGG
DINING ROOM There	AND CALLED	THE FIRST Time	• IN THE Cage
FOR SOME Time	SOME OF The	IT HAS Ever	AS AN
WELL	GIRLS	LAID AN Egg"	APRIL FOOL Joke .
YESTERDAY MORNING	IN THE Dining Room	SOME ONE Suggested	AND I'M Here
THE PROPRIETRESS	TO SEE The Egg.	THE BIRD Knew	TO SAY
OF THE Hotel	SHE JUST Could'nt	EASIER WAS Coming	IT WENT Over Big
WENT OVER	GET OVER IT	AND LAID An Egg	I THANK You!"

Oh, well! Boys will be boys, you know!

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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1. EDWIN SMITH REVIEWS EUROPEAN TRADE CONDITIONS.

After seven months spent in Europe to further the demand for American fruit, Edwin Smith arrived Monday and will spend this week in Washington before leaving on a tour of the orchard districts of the Pacific Coast.

In discussing conditions in England Mr. Smith said that at the time of his departure the dispute between the miners and owners seemed no different from the proportions it had assumed in past months. While a strike of the miners was expected, a general strike was not even considered. Within the past week, however, events have occurred in such succession as to make England the stage for a political-industrial play that has epoch-making possibilities.

One of Mr. Smith's commissions in the European markets was to promote the popularity of American apples, but the situation there this past season has been a peculiar problem. Larger quantities of apples were shipped to Great Britain than the demand warranted and the reaction caused by certain rumors (of excessive spray) made prices very low with heavy losses to many dealers in our fruit. The color of American apples makes them attractive to the British consumer although liberal arrivals from Australia had hastened the close of the season for American fruit. On the Continent where apples from the Antipodes, arrive in more modest proportions, the demand may continue stronger than in Great Britain, said Mr. Smith.

Australian fruit growers are making strenuous efforts to overcome the British people's prejudices against apples and have launched an advertising campaign in the British newspapers, showing full page advertisements. Such a novel procedure for advertising through the British press was just appearing at the time of his departure, he said. Work in the Paris market has been in cooperation with the Department of Commerce and progress in exploiting that outlet has been very gratifying.

The extent of next year's foreign demand will depend upon the freedom of our fruit from excessive spray residue, and this issue will occupy the major portion of Mr. Smith's time during the summer.

He will leave Washington May 8 for the West Coast to effect control measures in applying spray to the 1926 crop.

2. AUTOMOBILE TIRES AND TUBES IN WASHINGTON AT SPECIAL PRICES.

The Truck Tire Service Co. Inc., 2110 D St., N.W., has advised the Bureau that it has arranged to sell Firestone and Oldfield tires and tubes at special prices to such Government employees as desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to make such purchases at reduced rates. This company is the Washington Firestone distributor and is supplying the Government service in Washington under the present contract. The special prices may be had by telephoning West 212 or 213.

3. WOOL CONFERENCE ENCOURAGING TO PLANS OF BUREAU.

At the public hearing held in the Conference Room April 29 the proposed numerical grades for wool and top, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Dunlap, Assistant Secretary, represented Secretary Jardine, and in the opening address urged the participants to cooperate in producing a result mutually satisfactory to all members of the wool industry. Mr. Tenny presided as Chairman, outlining the Bureau's standardization program and a letter of greeting was read from Mr. Cooper who was in Texas.

John P. Wood, of Philadelphia, a leading manufacturer, addressed the meeting telling how fifteen years ago the wool trade realized the need for uniform standards and they sought the cooperation of this Bureau. After considerable research on the part of the Bureau seven American grades for wool were worked out and approved by producers and the trade. It was seen then, he stated, that a greater refinement in grades was needed by manufacturers and the U. S. Wool Standardization Committee was organized with George T. Willingmyre named as one of the members. Since the British count system was in some instances used by the buying trade in this country the committee went abroad and a set of 12 grades was prepared and approved by the Bradford Wool Federation. After an address by Mr. Willingmyre the representatives made an examination of the grades on display in the Bureau's laboratory when they expressed the opinion that the standards were the best set of grades humanly possible to produce.

Work will begin immediately under Mr. Willingmyre's direction of making standards for distribution to key points in producing and trading areas. The original to be preserved in the Bureau for future reference in comparing copies and a set of the standards will be placed in the vaults of the Bank of England for reference abroad.

The conference was attended by representatives from the War, Navy and Commerce Departments and the Tariff Commission, Wool Growers' Associations, State Universities and members of the trade.

The spirit of cooperation was marked. There was not a dissenting voice as to the standards and Mr. Tenny said it was the first conference over which he had presided where all parties were in such close agreement.

4. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GIRLS CARRY OFF TROPHY IN BOWLING CONTEST.

Excitement ran high last Wednesday night when the championship of the girls bowling league was not decided until the tenth box of the three-game set. The Fruit and Vegetable quintet, tied for first place with Farm Management, earned very vivid green laurels, and incidentally the silver loving cup and first money prize, by taking two hard-fought games from the latter by a small margin. The Interdivision team, which was only one game behind the leaders, was in the running to win until the Crop Estimates girls, who have been steadily forging ahead, set them back three straight games.

The trophy, which was held by the Stenographers last year, and Information the year before, will be cared for this year by: Miss Grace Robinson, captain, Mrs. Cecile Linn, Mrs. Nellie Lynham, Miss Mildred Moore, and Mrs. Theresa Adams.

Teams finished in the following order: Fruits and Vegetables, Farm Management, Interdivision, Livestock, Information, Crop Estimates, Land Economics and Library.

Other prizes included: High Team Set, Farm Management first with a score of 1326; Information, second, 1320. High Team Game: Crop Estimates, first, 476; Livestock, second, 475. High Individual Average: Mrs. Bertha Greevy, Information, 91; Mrs. Alice McQuinn, Library, second, 87; Miss Robinson, Fruits and Vegetables, third, 87. High Individual Set: Mrs. Greevy, Information, 310; Miss Robinson, Fruits and Vegetables, 307. High Individual Game: Miss Robinson, Fruits and Vegetables, 131; Mrs. Greevy, Information, 125. High Individual Average on each team, eliminating girls who won a general prize: Fruits and Vegetables, Mrs. Lynham, 83, Miss Moore, 81; Interdivision, Mrs. Tupper, 87; Miss Clark, 84; Information, Miss Shinas, 85, Miss Viehmann, 81; Land Economics, Miss Burkhardt, 82, Miss Knee, 80; Farm Management, Mrs. Ragan, 86, Mrs. Thompson, 84; Livestock, Miss Masse, 84, Miss Jordan, 81; Crop Estimates, Mrs. Perry, 80, Miss Walter, 78; Library, Miss Culbertson, 74, Miss Day, 73.

5. OFFICE OF CHIEF VICTORIOUS IN MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE.

The contest in the men's bowling league was equally as close and as exciting as in the girls' aggregation. The Office of the Chief came out victorious by a one-game lead over Center Market, and the latter team held second place by a one-game win over Grain. Farm Management finished fourth, followed by Fruits and Vegetables and Cotton. High team set was taken by Office of Chief with a score of 1,575; second by Center Market, 1,537. High team game: Grain, 562; Office of Chief, 556. High individual average: H. B. Dixon, 105, Barber, 103, Edler, 101, and Funk 101. High individual set: Barber, 376; Dixon, 375. High individual game: Barber, 140, Dixon, 139.

Barring those who won a general prize, the winners for the high individual averages on each team are: Office of Chief, Hevener, 96, Hart, 95; Center Market: Rohrman, 99, Anthony, 96; Grain, Crosswhite, 101, Fellows, 97; Farm Management, Crosby, 101, McQuinn, 95; Fruits and Vegetables, Lewis, 98, Park, 97; Cotton, Person and Wilson, 96. While a few of the men had higher averages than those listed, notably Kause of Cotton with an average of 100, they did not participate in the 36 games necessary for eligibility.

6. COTTON INSPECTION OFFICE TO BE OPENED AT LITTLE ROCK.

An office for the Supervisor of Inspection will be opened at Little Rock, Ark., under the Cotton Standards Act, similar to the one opened at Savannah last fall. The request was made for an inspector there so that cotton stored in the warehouses could be sampled and sent to the Board of Cotton Examiners for classification under the Cotton Standardization Act. This will permit the exchange of certificates issued under the Cotton Standards Act for certificates issued under the Cotton Futures Act without further classification. George E. Gaus will go from the Cotton Division to establish the new office, but no announcement has been made concerning who will be in charge.

7. SURVEY IN SOUTH WINS
HEARTY APPLAUSE.

B.H.Critchfield continues to enjoy the popularity he earned when he made the agricultural survey in Louisiana and southern Mississippi last year. The press in that section has made favorable comment from time to time, on the survey report, and now a letter addressed to the Chief has just been received from the New Orleans Association of Commerce which is quoted in part:

"In its last meeting the Management Committee of our Agricultural Bureau went on record as expressing its appreciation to your Bureau for the splendid work done in the survey conducted by Mr. B.H.Critchfield, and they were instructed that you be advised of the fact. This organization at the present time, is working on its plans for carrying out the recommendations made in the survey report."

8. ORIGINAL FORM OF ORDERING DEPARTMENT
PUBLICATIONS TO CONTINUE IN USE.

Recently the Office of Publications announced a change in listing Department publications for distribution. For example, "1071D", for Department Bulletin 1071; "1090F", for Farmers' Bulletin 1090. This form however is intended to apply for monthly lists only. In view of the great inconvenience such a change would cause the Superintendent of Documents in relisting his stock, it will not be necessary for the Bureaus to change from the original practice of ordering Department publications. For example, the coding "D.B.", "D.C.", "F.B." may be used in ordering Department Bulletins, Department Circulars, and Farmers' Bulletins, respectively. This method of ordering will correspond with the system of storing the publications and will facilitate the work of filling the orders.

9. CONSUMER DEMAND SURVEY ON APPLES
BEING MADE IN NEW YORK CITY.

A study of the consumer demand for apples in the metropolitan New York district has been launched recently by the New York Food Marketing Research Council, which has for its purpose the determination of the buying habits and preferences for different varieties and brands of apples. Families are being reached through the trade, public, and private schools. To date, several thousand questionnaires have been distributed.

10. NEW YORK OFFICIAL TAKES PART
IN PHILADELPHIA MEETING.

At the invitation of the President of Ye Olde New York Branch of the New York State Association of United Master Butchers of America, Mr. B. F. McCarthy in charge of the New York Livestock, Meats and Wool Office attended a meeting of the Association in Philadelphia on April 21 and spoke on the meat grading service of the Bureau.

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Moving into the New Building began when the Division of Land Economics vacated their old quarters at 200-14th Street. Some cotton has been stored in the receiving rooms but it is not expected that the offices of the Cotton Division will be moved before next week.

11. HAY INSPECTION SERVICE EXPECTED
TO INCREASE AT BIRMINGHAM.

For some time the members of the Birmingham Grain Exchange have had all hay received by them inspected by the Federal-State inspector in that city. However, until recently the membership of the Exchange has been confined to wholesale and retail dealers. There are also a number of brokers or commission men in Birmingham who handle a large amount of hay in car lots who have not been having their hay inspected. The Birmingham Grain Exchange has now enlarged its membership to include practically all of these brokers so that they will have all of their hay inspected hereafter the same as other members of the Exchange. This it is believed will result in more than doubling the number of hay inspections in the Birmingham market.

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 30 are:

Benton, A. H. An introduction to the marketing of farm products...
Chicago & New York, A. W. Shaw company, [etc., etc.] 1926.

Chamber of commerce of the United States of America, Washington, D. C.
Agricultural service. A study of government cotton crop forecasts.
[Washington, D. C., 1926]

Chambers, An introduction to statistical analysis... New York, F. S.
Crofts & Co., 1925.

National farmers' union. The year book of the National farmers'
union for 1926. London, National farmers' union, 1926.

U. S. Federal farm loan board. Circular. no. 18. Seminannual installment 6 per cen amortization tables... August, 1924 (Rev. July, 1925)
no.20. The Federal farm loan act as amended to August 1, 1925...
Washington, Govt. print. off., 1925.

U. S. President, 1923- (Coolidge) Address ... before the Norwegian centennial celebration, at Minnesota state fair grounds, June 8, 1925. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (69th Cong., 1st sess., House. Doc. 143)

U. S. War dept. Corps of engineers. St. Mary's falls canal, Michigan. Statistical report of lake commerce passing through canals at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Ontario during season of 1924 with supplementary report of commerce passing through the Detroit river... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

13. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN APRIL.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during April;

Cold Storage Holdings....1925. For Statistical Bulletin.

Davis, W. C. and Burgess, J. A.: Market classes and grades of dressed lamb, yearling and mutton. For Department Bulletin.

Haas, G. C. and Ezekiel, M.: Factors affecting the price of hogs. For Department Bulletin.

Hunter, B.: Bean growing in Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon. For Farmers' Bulletin. Revision of Farmers Bulletin 907.

Nixon, R. L.: Weather damage to cotton. For Department Bulletin.

Williams, Paul M.: The warehouseman and the U. S. Warehouse Act. For Miscellaneous Circular.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Davis, W. C.: Many retail meat markets change hands-Why? For National Provisioner.

Davis, W. C.: Then and Now. For National Provisioner.

Parker, E.C.: Grades for alfalfa under U. S. standards. For Hay Trade Journal.

Sherman, C. B.: Seeing agriculture as a whole. For Kiwanis Magazine.

Sherman, C. B.: Produce business further stabilized. For American Bankers Association Journal.

Spilman, H. A. and Davis, R. W.: Interchangeability of container parts in the Southeast. For Barrel and Box.

Spilman, H. A.: Taking the "con" out of containers. For Packing and Shipping.

Spillman, W. J.: A new idea in community building. For Country Gentleman.

Trout, C. E.: A living off the farm. For Better Crops.

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14. The Sesqui-Centennial Exposition Committee reports that many of the panels of the exhibit being prepared by the Bureau are decorated with beautiful illuminated effects done by the artists in the Photographic Section. Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Sollers and Mrs. Hall are the talented workers they have helping on these exhibits.

The Divisions are reminded that the time is drawing near when their ideas must be submitted as the exhibit will have to be completed by June first.

15. The May issue of The Country Gentleman contains an article by E. V. Wilcox on "Apples and Arsenic." Much of the information on the subject was obtained from Mr. Tenny, Dr. P. B. Dunbar, Bureau of Chemistry and Dr. A. L. Quaintance, of Entomology.

16. STUDIES IN RANCH ECONOMICS is the subject of the address made by Dr. B. Youngblood, Director, Texas, A. & M. College before the American Farm Economic Association, in New York, December 30, 1925. Dr. Youngblood initiated economic studies in the Ranch Country and this paper is supplemented with studies of the Texas Ranch Station at Sonora, Texas. Copies of this address have been mimeographed and are available from this office.

17. THE HANDLING, GRADING AND USES OF RICE, compiled by Miss C. Louise Phillips and W. D. Smith is now available. Miss Phillips has included several articles on the utilization of rice and rice products. She has also furnished a selected list of references on rice by the Department and by miscellaneous publishers. The Smith shelling device, the Bates Laboratory Aspirator, the modified Boerner Sampler and the Boerner Sampling Device for use in the grading of rice, are all illustrated and their usefulness explained.

18. LIVING CONDITIONS AND FAMILY LIVING IN FARM HOMES OF MERRIMACK COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, is the title of a preliminary report by Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, in cooperation with Daisy Dean Williamson, State Home Demonstration Leader, University of New Hampshire. This study of 40 farm homes in Merrimack County, is one of a series begun in Livingston County, New York, in 1921 and continued in other sections of the country by the Department in cooperation with the several State Universities.

19. THE MISSISSIPPI TOMATO DEAL, SUMMARY SEASON 1925, by R. H. Shoemaker is a report on the handling of this commodity in the Crystal Springs, Mississippi, section.

20. ARE YOU SENDING IN YOUR JOB PRINTING REQUESTS as rapidly as you can foresee your needs? Supplies should be gone over and needs anticipated in order to avoid rush requests for printing or for authority to have printing done in the field.

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The Division of Statistical and Historical Research would like to challenge any other Division to a tennis match. The team to consist of from 8 to 12 players. The proposed contest would include 14 matches as follows: 4 men's singles; 4 ladies' singles; 2 men's doubles; 2 ladies' doubles and 2 mixed. It is hoped that several Divisions will respond so that a number of matches can be played. Those interested get in touch with Mr. Stebbins, Room 330, Bieber Bldg., telephone, 382-2 rings.

21. IN CONGRESS:

S. 3926, by Senator McNary, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, was reported out of Senate committee without amendment, report 671.

H.R. 3858, by Mr. Hoch, to establish in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce a foreign commerce service of the United States, was reported out of Senate committee without amendment, report 711.

H.R. 6728, by Mr. Glynn, to regulate in the District of Columbia the traffic in, sale, and use of milk bottles, cans, crates, and other containers of milk and cream to prevent fraud and deception, was reported out of House committee with amendment, report 969.

H.R. 7818, by Mr. Andersen, to amend sec. 304 of an act to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in livestock, livestock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, has been signed by the Speaker of the House. This bill passed the Senate April 29.

The following bills were introduced on April 26 and reported out of Committee on Agriculture in the House on April 27:

H.R. 11603, by Mr. Haugen, to establish a Federal Farm Board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities.

H.R. 11606, by Mr. Aswell, to place the Agricultural industry on a sound commercial basis, to encourage national cooperative marketing of farm products.

H.R. 11618, by Mr. Tincher, to establish a Federal farm advisory council and a farmers' marketing commission; to aid in the development of major cooperative association for the marketing of agricultural commodities and to aid in the disposition of surpluses of such commodities.

Mr. Snell has introduced resolution H.Res. 249 for the consideration of H.R. 11603 which was referred to the House Calendar.

Bills Signed by President:

S. 2465, by Senator Gooding to amend an act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes, was signed on April 26.

H.J.Res. 213, by Mr. Haugen, for participation of the United States in the Third World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa, Canada in 1927, was signed on April 21.

New Bills:

S. 4126, by Senator Lenroot, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health. After discussion by Senator Lenroot, the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H.R. 11660, by Mr. Free, authorizing cooperative associations and commercial dealers to enter into agreements for the advertising of farm and food products and to deduct a pro rata amount from the purchase price of said products.

H.R. 11765, by Mr. Gilbert, to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco in the Department of Agriculture.

H.R. 11768, by Mr. Taber, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health.

Here and There in the Bureau.

Mr. Cooper has returned from a trip South where he attended meetings of Cotton Exchanges in the Texas cities.

A. W. Palmer in charge, Cotton Division, has returned from a trip to the cotton markets of the South. He will go to Charleston, S. C., for the Third Annual Convention of the Atlantic Cotton Association on May 10 and 11.

Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau, will speak before the joint meeting of the library associations of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on May 11. The two-day meetings will be held in the Music Auditorium of the Library of Congress and many library workers of the Bureau and the Department will attend. Miss Lacy has been asked to explain what the Department of Agriculture issues that is of interest and use to the average reader in our libraries.

H. S. Yohe, in charge, Warehousing Division, left Sunday for a trip through the southern and the western States to confer with bankers, warehousemen, officials of producers organizations and individuals in the interest of the Warehouse Act. Mr. Yohe will go to several of the branch and field offices before returning to Washington. He probably will be away three weeks.

G. S. Meloy, Cotton Division, will attend a meeting of the American Oil Chemists Society in New Orleans on May 10. He will address the Society on the "Grading of Cotton Seed". On May 13, Mr. Meloy will be in Cincinnati to talk before the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association on "Standardization of Grades for American Cotton Linters".

Frank E. Finley, of the Houston, Texas, Crop and Livestock Estimates office will go to Las Cruces, New Mex. for about six months to gather material for use in his Division.

Carl Nagle, of Wool Warehousing, has gone to the Northwest to make inspections of wool warehouses and to give instruction to members of the field force in wool warehouse inspection work. This trip will take Mr. Nagle to Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California.

Sidney H. Pearce, Cotton Division, will be in New York for the next month serving on the Board of Cotton Examiners handling cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts. Leavern Lackey also has gone to New York to assist in handling cotton samples incident to the classification of cotton for delivery on future contracts.

Miss Margaret Broxton, daughter of Wm. Broxton of the Cold Storage Report Section was awarded a prize of \$10.00 in a recent poster contest of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild. She was entertained at luncheon by the Civitan Club at the LaFayette Hotel last Tuesday in recognition of her success.

We are glad to report that William A. de Vaughan is so much improved, following an operation for appendicitis. He was in the Alexandria, Va., hospital, but is now able to be at his home near Washington.

We regret to learn that B.F. McCarthy in charge of the New York Livestock, Meats and Wool office lost his father last week.

This week's Issue would not be complete without recording the most recent additions to the Independent Order of Bobs'. Miss C. Louise Phillips, Grain Investigations and Miss Anna M. Kirby, Land Economics have joined the ranks, then on Monday Miss Emily C. Clark, well known in Estimates and Appropriations, appeared with her Titian tresses cut and arranged in the latest approved manner. Now that these ladies have taken the step, they no doubt, like the rest of us, will regret only that they postponed the action so long.

Mrs. Mattie Estelle Lawrence, Audits and Accounts, has our sympathy in the death of her father, which occurred at his home in Alabama. Mrs. Lawrence had recently returned from Alabama where she was called by her father's illness.

The young daughter of C.V. Whalin, in charge of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, was seriously injured when she was run over by a reckless driver last Thursday. She was rushed to a local hospital where she is reported in a critical condition.

G.S. Meloy, Cotton Division, had a very exciting time fighting forest fires around his suburban home at Lanham, Md., one day last week. The fires burned over an area six miles long and three miles wide, destroying many houses and farm buildings. Mr. Meloy was notified by telephone and after hard work they succeeded in saving the house and barns.

The Minneapolis Grain Supervision Office will open at 8:30 A.M. to conform with the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, which is observing Daylight Saving time.

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1. PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL HAY STANDARDS WELL RECEIVED IN WEST.

The State Departments of Agriculture in Illinois and Nebraska favor the adoption of the Federal standards and inspection of hay according to W. A. Wheeler, Hay, Feed and Seeds, who has just returned from a trip to these States. As a result of the conferences Mr. Wheeler attended in Illinois, the Department of Agriculture there will hold a hearing on U.S. hay standards in compliance with the State law and thereafter to make them the official standards of the State. In Nebraska, the Department of Agriculture will make the U.S. standards the official standards of the State and will license inspectors to be employed at shipping points through local associations who will be trained and licensed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to issue joint Federal-State inspection on certificates. Mr. Wheeler was also in Kansas where the State Grain and Hay inspection department has already adopted the U.S. hay standards as official standards for the State and now proposes to have a number of their grain inspectors trained as Federal hay inspectors for several of the shipping points within the State. In these States the Departments of Agriculture and the State Colleges are enthusiastic as to the benefit through the use of Federal hay standards and inspection.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division has arranged to hold a school for training hay inspectors at the Hay Standardization Laboratory, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Monday, May 24, and continuing for three weeks. This school will be held primarily for training the shipping point inspectors for Kansas and Nebraska. It is believed that this will result in shipping point inspection on a large portion of the hay produced in Kansas and Nebraska this year. Those interested in attending this school may arrange to do so by writing the Kansas City Laboratory or the Hay, Feed and Seed Division in Washington.

2. D.W. FOLEY SAILS FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

D.W. Foley, has resigned from the Division of Information and sailed last Saturday to accept a position with the Tacna-Arica Commission in Peru. His appointment was made several weeks ago but was postponed.

Miss Marietta Thomas, who has been engaged in the distribution of publications has taken over the duties performed by Mr. Foley and is handling contacts with Mr. Marquis and the Division. She will continue to direct the work with publications in addition to her new duties.

3. STANDARD FORM FOR PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED.

The Interdepartmental Board on Simplified Office Procedure and the Permanent Conference on Printing have agreed upon a standard form to be designated Standard Form No. 17 - Report on Probationary Appointee.

The new forms will not be used however, until the printed supply of old forms now on hand has been exhausted.

Attn. Miss Trolinger.
Washington, D. C.
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4. MOVING DAY FOR HAY, FEED
AND SEEDS DIVISION.

The second Division to occupy their quarters in the new building at 300 Linworth Place, Southwest, was Hay, Feed and Seeds. They started to move on Monday to the offices assigned to them on the third floor, south wing. They also have skylight rooms on the fourth floor and space for storing hay on the first floor. Land Economics are already settled in their new offices on the second floor, south wing and the Cotton Division plans to begin moving their office equipment May 17. Arrangements have been made to keep the same telephone numbers for these Divisions, thereby saving much confusion.

5. AND SOME SERVE FOR
THE JOY OF SERVING!

Recently we ran an item about a crop reporter who served six months and wanted a "little check".

Here is a letter from another crop reporter sent in to this desk showing a different attitude:

"It is very little trouble for me to fill out a schedule like this, for ever since I was 21 years of age I have kept an accurate account of all my income and expenditures and I am now 68 years of age.

Yours very truly,

(signed) J.J. Zuccanello,

Government Statistician for nearly
50 years without remuneration, and
not asking any.

Address: Route 2, Pulaski, Giles Co., Tenn. "

6. A PROBLEM FOR DEPARTMENT
NUTRITION SPECIALISTS.

The following is an extract from a letter received in the Mail Room a short time ago from Colorado:

"I will greatly appreciate your informing me as quickly as possible how to take care of Anglers' Worms. I have a couple of thousand worms on hand and do not know what to feed them nor how often."

H.N. Holmes, Wichita, R.R. Saunders, Hutchinson, -Kansas and other members of the Isaak Walton persuasion might come forward with suggestions.

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FOR SALE--Fresh eggs, Nestles chocolate bars, salted peanuts and salted almonds! The Welfare Association of the Department receives commissions on sales of these articles, and they wish to inform employees of the Bureau that the larger the sales, the larger the commissions. These commodities may be found in the Department's store in the basement of the Main Building.

7. WOOL SECTION STILL WINNING
EXCESS PROFITS CASES.

A verdict in favor of the Government has just been rendered by a jury in the Federal Court in New York City in the case of the United States versus John E. McMurtry & Company, which was brought for the collection of \$18,000. excess profits made by the dealer on his season's business in domestic wool during 1918. This verdict completely establishes the Government's claim that a considerable quantity of wool had been secreted by the dealer from Government appraisers and was not reported in the defendant's statement of his year's transactions. The remaining facts in the case, however, remain to be decided by the Federal judge. This case was tried during the latter part of April and was attended by W. L. Evans and H. V. De Mott.

We have yet to collect \$700,000 of 1918 excess profits from 29 wool dealers. Most of these cases are awaiting trial in the Federal Courts. One case has reached the Circuit Court of Appeals on its way to the Supreme Court. Thus far however, more than \$750,000 have been collected from wool dealers and half a million dollars of this money have been refunded to wool growers who failed to receive the full value at time of sale. This action results from Government control of the domestic wool clip in 1918, when the price was fixed and the profits limited, to insure an adequate supply for military purposes.

8. JOHN BULL ADMITS WE ARE SUPERIOR
AND WE CONCUR!!

The March 8 issue of The Farmer and Stock-Breeder and Agricultural Gazette, a London, England, weekly, reproduces a poster of our Department which displays the title, "Do You Know Good Beef... Let Marbling Be Your Guide", with pictures showing the amount of marbling in cuts of common beef compared with marbling in cuts of choice beef. The text of the item reads in part:

'Unfortunately, we do not possess a practical Ministry of Agriculture, as is the case in other countries. . . As the Ministerial officials have times without number compared us with producers overseas, and seldom miss an opportunity of pointing out that our methods are bordering on antiquity, I may perhaps be permitted to compare them with the American Department of Agriculture. How the latter gets down to bed-rock is best illustrated in the accompanying poster, thousands of copies of which are now to be seen throughout the United States'.

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FACTORS AFFECTING FARMERS EARNINGS in Southeastern Pennsylvania in 1922-23 are analyzed and discussed by M. Ezekiel in Department Bulletin 1400, now available. Economic conditions, farm organization and factors which affect returns from the dairy enterprise are the other considerations covered. Footnote credit is given to Mrs. Henrietta Bettles who was in charge of the clerical work both in the field and in the office.

9. IN CONGRESS:

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill was sent to the President of the United States for signature on May 7. The principal increase in the appropriations for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is in the Market News Service item. The increase of \$55,402 in this item is for the purpose of inaugurating monthly production reports on dairy products; for a livestock news service at St. Joseph, Mo.; for a limited news service on livestock at Indianapolis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh; and for connecting Ames, Ia., and Oklahoma City with the leased wire system.

A decrease of \$25,000 in the item for Marketing and Distributing Farm Products was made on account of the completion of special retail meat studies.

The following table shows the amount under each sub-appropriation for the current year and for the coming fiscal year:

Appropriation Title	Appropriation 1 9 2 6	Appropriation 1 9 2 7	Increase or Decrease over 1 9 2 6
"Salaries"	\$1,162,666	\$1,150,000	\$ -12,666
General Administration.....	36,613	36,613	-
Farm Management & Practice.....	261,586	261,586	-
Mkt'g. & Distributing Farm Products	550,988	525,988	-25,000
Crop & Livestock Estimates.....	407,550	403,155	- 4,395
Foreign Competition & Demand.....	65,360	65,360	-
Mkt. Inspection of Per. Foods.....	348,755	353,755	+ 5,000
Market News Service	719,748	775,150	+55,402
Enforcement of U.S. Cotton Futures & Cotton Standards Acts.....	188,500	188,500	-
Enf. of U.S. Grain Standards Act....	598,940	598,940	-
Admin. U.S. Warehouse Act.....	205,060	205,060	-
Completion of Wool Work.....	11,290	6,290	- 5,000
Enf. of Standard Cont. Act.....	5,000	5,000	-
Operation of Center Market.....	176,000	171,000	- 5,000
Total.....	\$4,738,056	4,746,397	+ 8,341

The Haugen bill (H.R. 11603) to establish a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities is being considered in the House. A special resolution was adopted by the House which provided for immediate consideration of the Haugen, Tincher and Aswell farm relief bills.

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MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF CENTER MARKET, Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 74 of this Bureau, has been issued in revised form, but the number remains the same.

S. 2606, by Mr. McLean, to prohibit offering for sale as Federal Farm Loan bonds any securities not issued under the terms of the Farm Loan Act, *****, was reported out of Senate Committee without amendment, Report 1065.

H.R. 7, by Mr. Lehlbach, to amend the retirement act, was reported out of Committee with amendment, report 1099.

H.R. 7889, by Mr. Begg, to prescribe a uniform allowance to officers and employees in all services of the United States while traveling and on temporary duty on official business, was reported out of committee with amendments.

H.R. 9268, by Mr. Stevenson, to amend the agricultural credits act of 1923 was reported out of committee without amendment, report 1065.

H.R. 7818, by Mr. Andresen, to amend sec. 304 of an act to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in livestock, livestock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, was presented to the President for signature.

New Bills:

S.4156, by Senator Dill, for the regulation of radio communication and for other purposes.

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 7 are:

American sugar refining company. Annual report, 35th, 1925. [New York, 1926]

Duluth. Board of trade. Annual report ... 1925. Duluth, Minn., J. J. Letourneau printing co. [1925]

Franklin co-operative creamery association, Minneapolis. Year book, 1923-1925. Minneapolis [1923-25]

Hedrick, Ulysses Prenties. The small fruits of New York, by U. P. Hedrick assisted by G. H. Howe, O. M. Taylor, Alwin Berger, G. L. Slate, Olave Einset ... Albany, J. B. Lyon company, printers, 1925. (Report of the New York state agricultural experiment station for the year 1924/25)

Hulvey, Charles N. The laws of Virginia as they pertain to the farmer. [Charlottesville, Va., The University] 1924. (University of Virginia record, Extension series, v.8, no.11, July, 1924)

Mackintosh, W. A. The Canadian wheat pools ... Kingston, The Jackson press [1925] (Bulletin of the departments of history and political and economic science in Queen's university, Kingston, Ontario, Canada no. 51, November, 1925)

Manchester guardian commercial. European textiles. [Manchester, Eng.] 1925. (Manchester guardian commercial Dec. 10, 1925)

Ontario. Agricultural college. Dept. of agricultural economics. The marketing of fluid milk in Ontario, by J. B. Hoodless ... Guelph, Ont., 1926.

Pirou, Gaëtan. Les doctrines économiques en France depuis 1870. Paris, A. Colin, 1925.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. To prevent discrimination by boards of trade against farmers' cooperative associations. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 2965 ... Washington, 1926.

U. S. Tariff commission. Butter. Report ... Investigation of the costs of production in the United States and in the principal competing foreign country of butter ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Watkins, Isabel Stanley. Cooperative marketing of cotton and tobacco. Selected argument and bibliography for the South Carolina high school league debate, 1925-26... [Columbia, S. C.] University of South Carolina. Extension division, 1925. (South Carolina University, Bulletin no. 170, November 1, 1925)

The wool year book, 1925. Manchester, Marsden & co., ltd. [1925]

BUREAU BREVITIES.

11. PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS RELATING TO MARKETS, CROPS AND FARM MANAGEMENT, is a mimeographed list of the bulletins issued by the former separate Bureaus. This list includes Department Bulletins and Circulars Farmers' Bulletins, Office of the Secretary Circulars, S. & A. Announcements, Yearbook. Separates and miscellaneous publications. Copies may be had from the Bureau.

12. SOME OF THE BEST THINGS IN RURAL VIRGINIA, is title of a cooperative bulletin by Wilson Gee, of the University of Virginia. The Extension Department of that University in cooperation with the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life has produced one of its very interesting studies on extension work in the isolated sections of that State. Copies are available.

13. REGULATIONS UNDER THE COTTON FUTURES ACT ARE AMENDED in Amendment 5 of Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 91 of this Bureau, now available. This amendment relates to the review of the classification of cotton.

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The time of day I do not tell as some do, by the clock;
Or by the distant chiming bell set on some steeple rock;
But by the PROGRESS that I see in what I have to do;
It's either Done o'Clock to me or only Half-Past Through!

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Olsen is expected back from Iowa on Wednesday or Thursday.

Charles E. Gage, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is planning to leave the last of the week for a week's trip to points in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida to collect information concerning tobacco production. He will also interview the Agricultural Statisticians in these States.

A card from Mrs. Galpin has been received in the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, telling of their safe arrival. It was written at Rome where they intended to remain for several days longer. She stated that Dr. Galpin was very busy from nine to after seven every day and as yet had not found an opportunity to write.

H.J.Besley, in charge, Grain Division, E.G.Boerner, Grain Investigations and J.H.Cox, Barley Investigations, returned this week from a trip to the West Coast for hearings of the proposed barley grades. They stopped in Chicago last week to meet with field men and confer with them on the subject.

George Butterworth, Cotton, has gone to New York to serve as a member of the New York Board of Cotton Examiners engaged in the classing of cotton for delivery on future contracts.

Employees of the Bureau who have come in contact with the Payroll Section, either personally or by telephone, will miss Mrs. Gladdine Kidwell. Mrs. Kidwell has secured a transfer to the Bureau of Dairying, effective May 1. Our very best wishes go with Mrs. Kidwell.

Mrs. Kathryn McCathran has been assigned to Mrs. Kidwell's desk.

K.B.Seeds and E.C.Parker, Hay, Feed and Seeds, are attending a conference on the hay situation being held in the War Department at the suggestion of the Quarter Master General.

George T. Willingmyre of the Wool Division has been invited to address the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Spinners at a luncheon to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, on May 12.

Mr. Kelsey B. Gardner, who has been in charge of the Retail Meat Investigation, will join the Division of Agricultural Cooperation upon the completion of his present project. In his new position Mr. Gardner will be engaged in Cooperative Business Research. This work involves making detailed analyses and economic studies of the operating costs, accounting and pooling methods, and merchandising practices and problems of individual cooperative associations, for the purpose of determining the efficiency of the various cooperative methods and practices which have actually been tried. This type of research in cooperative business, as developed by the division during the past year, is proving valuable and is in great demand by the large-scale cooperatives.

Sympathy is extended to Miss Georgia M. Gingell, Statistical and Historical Research whose father died in one of the local hospitals last week.

Robert S. Fletcher, Statistical and Historical Research, has gone to Montana for three months to collect historical data from bankers, merchants and farmers. This study is to be made in cooperation with the Montana Experiment Station.

Just before Mr. Fletcher left Washington, several of his friends in the Bureau took the occasion to arrange a little picnic which was held in Montrose Park. And a good time was had by all!

Miss Dorothy Donahue, clerk in the Chicago Grain office for over two years, has resigned effective May 15.

E.M. Daggit, Statistical and Historical Research, is spending two weeks vacation at his old home in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Miss Rose E. Kelley of the Boston Livestock, Meats and Wool Division has applied for three months' leave during which time she will undergo an operation.

H.R. Tolley, Farm Management, will return this week from a trip South. He expects to leave the last of the week for Titusville, Pa., to confer with the Directors of the Chambers of Commerce of Titusville and Meadville regarding the work of consumer area studies.

Miss Bertha Henderson, Land Economics, will deliver the main address at the State Convention of Business and Professional women's Clubs at Reading, Pa., on May 15. She will talk on phases of her work in the Division of Land Economics.

The Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival held at Winchester, Va., last week was attended by several members of the Bureau.

E.C. Shoup, Foreign Section, has joined the "Hole-in-One" Club and is receiving the congratulations of his friends. Last Thursday morning he covered the 160-yard distance to the eighth hole on the East Potomac "C" golf course, with one drive of his brassie. It is believed that Mr. Shoup is the first to make a perfect play on that course this season.

G. A. Collier, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, has returned from a trip to the Central West during which he conferred with division representatives at Chicago relative to plans for the further development of the Grain, Hay and Feed Market News Service at that office. He also conferred with the Directors of Extension of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, and obtained their cooperation in extending the Grain and Hay Market News Service to the farmers of those States.

Plans were developed at these conferences to use the extension forces in introducing the weekly grain and hay market reviews to the daily and weekly papers in the grain producing areas and in instructing the farmers as to the use that may be made of the service by them.

Miss Frances R. Kaercher has been appointed clerk in the St. Louis Grain office, effective May 1.

After nearly five years' effective service in the Market News Project, John D. Snow, of the Denver office, has announced his intention to resign about June 1. He expects to become a partner with Elmer G. Hartner in a new produce firm, to be known as the Hartner-Snow Company, in Denver, specializing in potatoes and onions. Mr. Snow will carry with him our best wishes for success.

A. P. Brodell, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, left last week to assist in a farm business survey on tobacco farms in cooperation with the Extension Division of the Virginia Agricultural College at Blacksburg, Virginia. Mr. Brodell will probably be away about two weeks.

W. H. Hall's health has so greatly improved that he returned to duty in the Chicago office of the Market News Service on May 1, and is again in charge of that work.

Mrs. Helen M. Lookabaugh of Farm Management and Costs, is spending a week's vacation at Hagerstown, Md.

Word has been received that a new son has arrived in the home of George C. Haas, Foreign Representative in Vienna.

Mrs. Justine Warner, Photographic Laboratory, is doing excellent work decorating the panels for the Bureau Sesqui-Centennial Exhibit, according to the Committee. Mrs. Warner is an expert colorist and has been praised for the high class work she has done for the Bureau. She is responsible for the color work on the Bureau exhibits for the Exposition, and is being assisted by Mrs. Hall who is loaned from Land Economics.

Miss Ruth F. Idler, of the Indianapolis office, was obliged to be absent for 12 days during the latter part of April on account of illness.

Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow, who assists Miss Clark on Estimates and special reports, plans to sail May 15 for several weeks' in Europe. Her original itinerary included England, Scotland, France, Italy and Switzerland but on account of the disturbances in England the steamship line has announced the intention of omitting that part of the tour. Miss Winslow sails on the S.S. Majestic and they now plan to land at Cherbourg.

W. J. Kuhrt, Agricultural Cooperation, has gone to Minneapolis, Fargo and Bismarck to confer with auditing companies and others relative to a cooperative study of business operations of farmers' elevators.

Forbes E. Bailey, Spokane, Wash.; L. G. Schultz, Boise, Idaho and E. F. McKune, Denver, Colo., went to Sacramento, Calif., last week for the purpose of attending the Fruit and Vegetable conference of Federal supervisors of the Western States. Other members of the Inspection staff who attended the conference are W. F. Allewelt and E. E. Conklin of Sacramento.

Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Products, has gone to the western States for the purpose of demonstrating the U. S. Standards and Grades for eggs. He will confer with the trade and State agencies regarding the proposed inspection service on eggs.

Abe Martin, in the April issue of "Farm Life" comments on the Agricultural Outlook Report as follows:

Th' great outstandin' thing about th' Agricultural Department's late report is its conservatism.

Ther haint a thing about it t' make a city man want t' sell out an' buy a farm, or make anybuddy decide t' give up farmin', or anything else.

But after readin' it, studyin' it carefully, I believe that if I owned a farm an' could git a good top price fer it, an' had somethin' in mind more t' my likin' I'd sell. Th' report says that ther's no indications that th' foreign demand fer farmers' products'll be any greater, while ther is also nothin' t' indicate that such demand'll be as great.

Our "federal experts" complain o' lack o' knowledge as t' what th' weather'll be next year.

Th' ole time honored supply an' demand theory depends on th' weather an' pests an' foreign consumption.

"A limited acreage o' any crop, under favorable conditions, may yield a fer greater total than a much bigger area, with unfavorable conditions," says th' report, an' here th' element o' conditions enters int' th' speculation.

Fer instance - a farmer who raises eight or nine hogs without any cholery will clean up more money than th' farmer who's herd o' several hundred is wiped out by cholery.

Th' tariff don't effect cholery, or droughts, or pests, or agents, so in makin' its report, th' Department o' Agriculture has many elements t' contend with' an' about th' best it kin do is t' say that if every'thing breaks fine th' farmer won't do so bad.

Orderly marketin' is suggested, prob'ly meanin' that farmers refrain from drinkin' an' fightin' on th' road t' town.

Th' farmer'll be glad t' learn from th' report that he's some better than he waz in 1920, but still fer from bein' a well man.

Th' best way t' read th' report is between th' lines an' act accordingly an' try t' make your car last one more year an' don't buy too many clothes.

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P.B.A. Circular No. 30, dated April 23, 1926, under the title, "Radio Message Communication" calls attention to the facilities which should be used, wherever practicable, in the transmission of Government messages between points reached through the Army or Navy radio communication facilities. A telegraph circuit has been installed between the Telegraph Office of the Department (Room 101, West Wing) and the Army Message Center, Room 3432, Munitions Building. This has been done in order that each Bureau may give a thorough trial to this means of communication.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 18, 1926.

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1. DAIRY DIVISION CALLS CONFERENCE OF MARKET NEWS MEN.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products is planning a conference of the men in charge of Market News Service in the cities of Plymouth, Wis., Chicago, Boston, New York and Philadelphia. This meeting is scheduled for May 29, 30 and 31 and will be held in Washington, to discuss some of the problems that come up in connection with the news service. They wish to confer on reporting the poultry and egg market, interviewing the trade, how to meet changed trading methods; market reports and how they may be improved, condensed and published through the press and by radio; the use of the leased wire and how congestion may be avoided, perfecting certain code forms and eliminating errors. It is hoped that this meeting will acquaint the branch office workers with the operation of the Washington office and bring all together for a closer appreciation of the problems of each.

2. LIVESTOCK DIVISION TO OPEN SIX NEW OFFICES.

The Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool is making preliminary arrangements for opening the six new offices authorized in the Agricultural Appropriation bill for 1927. These branch offices will open July 1 and are to be located in Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and St. Joseph, Mo. E. W. Baker left Sunday for New York and Chicago before going to the cities to establish the new offices.

3. DR. VALGREN RETURNS TO RESUME FARM INSURANCE WORK.

Dr. V. N. Valgren who resigned from the Bureau in November, 1923, after nine years of service with the Department has been reinstated as Agricultural Economist in our Division of Agricultural Finance. During his absence from the Bureau Dr. Valgren had charge of a Crop and Weather Department of the Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, one of the group of companies affiliated with the Aetna Life.

Dr. Valgren's first service for the Bureau since his reinstatement was to represent Mr. Olsen at the annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association, held last week at Atlantic City. At this meeting a special committee on Farm Fire Protection was organized of which Dr. Price of the Bureau of Chemistry will act as chairman. Dr. Valgren will devote the major part of his time to investigations of farm insurance problems.

4. GRAIN DIVISION HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF TRADE.

A special conference with a committee of the the Millers' National Federation was held by officials of the Grain Division Friday, when matters pertaining to Grain Standards and their application, were discussed. R. T. Miles, in charge, general headquarters in Chicago; O. F. Phillips, Chairman Board of Review; and H. P. English, Grain Supervisor also of Chicago, came to Washington to attend the meeting and to confer on other lines of their work.

5. SOUTH ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK
OFFICE EXPANDS SERVICE.

The South St. Paul office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division recently expanded its service by arranging for four mimeographed market bulletins intended primarily for use of the various trade interests at that market. The information contained in these bulletins consists partly of that received from outside markets via the leased wire and partly of data pertaining to the St. Paul market. This information is mimeographed as soon as available and copies distributed to all commission firms, traders and others having offices in the Livestock Exchange Building and immediate vicinity. One of the objects of the new service is to provide commission men and others with up-to-the-minute information for use in sending out market wires, market letters and answering queries regarding prices and trade conditions. A.B. Smeby, in charge of the South St. Paul office, has already received a number of highly complimentary letters commending the service and congratulating him and his co-workers on its inauguration and conduct.

6. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS
(UNASSEMBLED) ANNOUNCED.

Applications for the examination "Senior Agricultural Economist (Cotton)," will be received until May 25, for vacancies in Washington and in the field. Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on education and experience, and on a thesis or discussion. Those attaining an eligible average may be required to report for an oral examination. Notice will be given in advance of the date and place. The entrance salary for this position will be \$5,200, and the duties will be to organize, outline, conduct and direct investigational and research work of an economic nature related to and in connection with production, handling, marketing, distribution and utilization of American cotton. Education and training include a bachelor's degree from a university of recognized standing and seven years of responsible experience in research or educational work, or in public service dealing with economic problems relating to the cotton industry.

Other examinations announced are for "Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist (Grading Cotton Linters)" and "Marketing Specialist (Grading Cotton Linters)". Appointees to the first of these positions will be to serve as members of the committee on final inspection of the Standard Grades for cotton linters. This committee will examine and minutely compare each of the copies of the Standard Grades before its issue to the public for commercial use, to serve on boards of linter examiners and to purchase cotton linters to be used in the preparation of the Grades. Prerequisites for the position of Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist are as follows: Graduation from a college or university of recognized standing and at least six years' experience in handling and grading linters. Those lacking the college education may substitute an additional year of the above experience for each year lacking of the four years' college course. The entrance salary is \$3,800.

Duties of appointees to the second position will be to assist the Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist with the final review work of preparing copies of the Grades, in inspecting and adjusting copies and in doing field work in connection with the marketing of cotton linters. The qualifications for this position are the same as for that of Assistant Chief, except that in addition to a college education at least four years experience is required. This position carries an entrance salary of \$3,000.

7. MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS TO BE STUDIED.

Preliminary work has been completed by the Bureau in a study of membership problems of the large centralized cooperative associations handling cotton, tobacco and peanuts. Signed questionnaires have been obtained from approximately 2,000 farmers in North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Mississippi, and tabulation of the replies will be begun at once so that the results may be available for the information of the cooperative associations. The State Agricultural Colleges in North Carolina, Kentucky and Oklahoma are assisting in this study.

The questionnaires are intended to bring out the attitude of members toward their associations and the methods used by various cooperatives to keep their members informed about their organization, its operations and the market situation of the commodity handled. It is hoped that this study will throw some light on the problem of developing an understanding and sympathetic membership in cooperative associations.

8. WEST VIRGINIA APPRECIATES WORK OF LIVESTOCK DIVISION.

Since about the middle of April James K. Wallace of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division has been holding livestock grading conferences and demonstrations in various parts of Virginia and West Virginia. The following letter regarding a meeting held in West Virginia was recently received from Benj. F. Creech, Extension Animal Husbandman of the University of West Virginia located at Morgantown: "I am glad to report to you that we had a mighty good livestock meeting at Jackson's Mill, April 29 and 30 and that your Mr. Wallace gave our men a mighty good practical talk which was very much appreciated.

I wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to you and your division for your cooperation with our livestock men."

Mr. Wallace returned to Washington Thursday and left Saturday for a four-months' trip to New Mexico, South Dakota and Montana to grade cattle. He will also relieve the men in charge of Livestock, Meats and Wool branch offices at Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Ogden and Denver when they go on annual leave.

9. FURTHER COMMENDATION OF THE NUMERICAL WOOL GRADES.

The following letter has been received in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool:

"Dear Mr. Willingmyre:

I have great pleasure in enclosing to you copy of a resolution passed at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Spinners, with respect to the numerical gradations of wool.

'RESOLVED that the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Spinners do hereby wish to express their approval of the adoption of wool grade standardization of wool and tops by the United States Department of Agriculture."

10. ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE C.E.
LADIES' BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

The Crop Estimates ladies' bowling team of the Bureau came through with flying colors in the recent Washington Ladies Duckpin Tournament held at the Coliseum Alleys, April 26 to May 6.

May Perry, the only "southpaw" in the Economics league carried off first prize, a beautiful loving cup and \$5 in cash in "Class C, All Events".

As the "Soak'em" team, three of the members, Corsette, Kirby and Perry finished in third place, winning \$10.00. The original Crop Estimates Team, Walter, Corsette, Kirby, Arendes and Perry finished in 5th place, winning \$7.00.

Class "B" singles, 1st prize of \$9.00, was won by Miss Arendes; "Class C" singles 1st prize of \$5.00 was won by Mrs. Perry and sixth prize of \$1.00, by Miss Kirby. Fourth prize in Class "C" doubles was won by Corsette and Perry. Miss Kirby also won the consolation prize of a box of candy for the lowest score rolled on the last night of the tournament.

11. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
FOR HAY INSPECTION SERVICE.

The formal agreement has been entered into to provide a joint Federal-State service for standards and inspection for in the State of Kansas. Last week's B.A.E. News told of this arrangement which was made by W.A. Wheeler, of the Hay, Feed and Seeds Division on a recent trip to the western States. The training school for inspectors will be held in Kansas City May 24 to prepare men to serve at several points in the State. W.H. Hosterman will go from Washington to assist in this training school.

12. CONFERENCE ON U. S. HAY STANDARDS
TO BE HELD IN CORVALLIS, OREGON.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division has organized a conference at Corvallis, Oregon, June 14 to 19 inclusive, for the purpose of demonstrating U.S. Alfalfa Standards and to discuss Federal hay inspection and hay marketing problems with the State Departments of Agriculture and the hay trade interests of the North Pacific Coast. Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah will send representatives to this conference from their Departments of Agriculture and from the Agricultural Colleges.

The conference at Corvallis will be led by Edward C. Parker, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, assisted by C.C. Rath, of the Oregon Agricultural College and C.F. Welsh, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division.

Mr. Parker is leaving May 19 for an extended trip to the Southwest and Pacific Coast and has arranged for conferences on Federal hay inspection at Kansas City, May 24-25; El Paso, May 27; Phoenix, Arizona, May 28-31; Los Angeles, June 4-6; Sacramento and San Francisco, June 7-10; Portland, June 12; Seattle, June 21 and Powell, Wyoming, June 23.

13. FARM RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS
TO BE STUDIED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Agreement has been entered into between this Bureau and the University of New Hampshire to conduct a cooperative survey of twelve orchard farms in the vicinities of Derry and Wilton, New Hampshire, to determine the organization, methods and practices of greatest efficiency. The study will be under the direction of J.B. Hutson, Farm Management and Costs. The results of this survey will be made available for extension workers as well as for farmers.

14. COOPERATION OF BUREAU EMPLOYEES
EFFECTS SAVING IN SUPPLIES.

Mr. Pevare of the Supply Section states that the cooperation of Bureau employees in effecting various economies in the use of supplies during the present fiscal year has made it possible for him to reduce the amount to be expended in purchasing new stock by over \$7,000. When the monthly stock statements were issued on May 1 additional credits of \$7,035.98 were given, this amount being pro rated according to the quantity of supplies each project had drawn from the general stock during the year. The Office of Accounts has been advised to release funds to the amount of these credits from the reserves against the projects concerned. Employees who have been using salvaged folders, writing pads made up from old forms, green manifold paper and have accommodated themselves to a restricted variety in some kinds of supplies may feel that they have had a certain part in effecting this economy.

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15. PRODUCTION AND CARRY-OVER OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONTAINERS FOR THE YEAR 1925 is a compilation by Mrs. Cecile K. Linn. The information was furnished by 102 manufacturers and the figures are tabulated for the United States as a whole and by sections of the country. Copies are available.

16. SUMMARY OF WESTERN CANTALOUPE DEALS - 1925, is a detailed report of the season by C. E. Schultz and George E. Prince. The Imperial Valley and the Turlock sections in California and the Salt River Valley District of Arizona are treated in general comment and in tabular form. Copies are available.

17. A DEMONSTRATION OF MARKETING EGGS IN OKLAHOMA ON A GRADED BASIS, is the title of a cooperative report by Henry C.F. Hamann, of the Tulsa, Okla., branch of the Egg Inspection Service and Fred C. Old, Extension Poultryman of the Oklahoma A. & M. College. Mimeograph copies may be had.

18. FINDINGS OF THE PEACH SURVEY IN GEORGIA, was the subject of an address by M.R. Cooper Farm Management and Costs, which he delivered at the Nineteenth Annual Farmers' Week at the Georgia State College of Agriculture, Athens, Ga., in January. This interesting paper has been mimeographed and is ready for distribution.

19. THE U. S. STANDARDS FOR CREOLE ONIONS (1926) issued May 6, may be procured.

20. AN ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE COSTS AND METHODS OF RANGE CATTLE PRODUCTION, as prepared by G.S. Klemmedson, Farm Management and Costs and V.V. Parr, Bureau of Animal Industry in cooperation with Martin Reinholt of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, is a preliminary report based on surveys of ranches. Forty-one ranches in the plains and mountain areas of Colorado were studied in 1923 and their financial problems discussed in this publication now available in preliminary form.

21. IN CONGRESS:

- H.R. 8264, "The Agricultural Appropriations Bill" was signed by the President on May 11, Public No. 214.
- H.R. 9971, by Mr. White for the regulation of radio communication, which passed the House in March, was reported out of the Senate Committee with amendment, report No. 772.
- H.R. 2, by Mr. McFadden, "an Act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations passed the Senate on May 13, but on motion of Senator Jones the vote will be reconsidered.
- S. 3926, by Senator McNary, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, passed the Senate on May 10, and has been referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures in the House.
- H.R. 7889, by Mr. Begg, passed the House May 17. This bill authorizes a subsistence allowance for government employees of not more than \$7.00 a day in the United States or \$8.00 when traveling in foreign countries. Per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence may be fixed at \$6.00 for domestic travel and \$7.00 for foreign travel.
- H.R. 7, to amend the retirement act passed the House on May 17. This bill, if passed in the same form by the Senate, will not change the age of eligibility for retirement but will increase the maximum annuity to \$1,000 per annum and increase the contribution made by employees from 2 1/2% to 3 1/2%.

New Bills:

- S. Res. 223, by Senator Ferris, authorizing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate to investigate the subject of registration and licensing in the fruit and vegetable industry was introduced May 14, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.
- S. Res., 222, by Senator Shipstead, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transmit information gathered in an investigation into wheat market fluctuations.
- S. 4208, by Senator Mayfield, for the prevention and removal of obstructions and burdens upon interstate commerce in cottonseed oil, by regulating transactions on future exchanges.
- S. 4246, by Senator Willis, to enforce the liability of common carriers for loss of or damage to grain shipped in bulk.
- H.R. 12144, by Mr. Brand of Georgia, to amend the Federal intermediate credit banks act of 1923.

22. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 14 are:

California grape grower. California's most important juice grape varieties. [3d ed.] San Francisco, California grape grower [1925]

California grape grower. California's most important table grape varieties. San Francisco, California grape grower [1925]

Ferebee, E. E. An economic and social survey of Princess Anne County... [Charlottesville, Va.] University of Virginia, 1924. (University of Virginia record extension series. [v.8, no.9, May 1924])

Gt. Brit. Food council. Report by the Food council to the President of the Board of trade on short weight and measure in the sale of food-stuffs... London, H. M. Stationery off., 1926. ([Parliament. Papers by command] Cmd. 2591)

Hart, S. H. Wool; the raw materials of the woolen and worsted industries... 2d ed. Philadelphia, Pa., The Philadelphia textile school of the Pennsylvania museum and school of industrial art, 1924.

Raiffeisen, F. W. Die darlehnskassen-vereine. 6. aufl. unveränderter abdruck der 5. aufl. von 1887... Neuwied, Der Deutsche Raiffeisenbank A.-G., 1923.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no. 397. Modern farm equipment in India, by C.D. Martin ...April, 1926. no. 405. Markets of the Dutch West Indies, by H. P. Macgowan ... April, 1926.

U. S. Bureau of the census. Financial statistics of states, 1924. Washington, 1926.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. To promote cooperative marketing. Hearings... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 1910 and H. R. 7893... Washington, 1926.

23. LARGE WAREHOUSE SEEKS LICENSE
FROM WAREHOUSE DIVISION.

An application for license has been received from the Middleton Compress Company Warehouse at Charleston, S.C. This is one of the largest warehouses of the country, having a storage capacity of 18,000 bales of compressed cotton.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Olsen plans to be in New York on Wednesday.

Mr. Marquis motored up to Philadelphia on Friday for a few days annual leave. While there, Mr. Marquis visited the Sesquicentennial grounds and found feverish activity in efforts to have the buildings ready for the opening next month. The Transportation Building which will house the Department exhibits is partially constructed, with framework and roof in place. It is not expected that it will be completed in time for the opening of the Exposition.

W.A.Wheeler, in charge of the Hay, Feed and Seeds Division leaves Wednesday for Chicago, going later to Buffalo for a conference. He will be joined there by G.B.Alguire, of the Kansas City, Mo., office and together they will proceed to Toronto, Canada where on May 26, Mr. Wheeler will demonstrate the U.S. Standards for broom corn for manufacturers. Canadian broom manufacturers buy practically all their supplies from the United States and they wish to be able to purchase by the U.S.Grades.

Dr. W.J. Spillman, Farm Management, will address the students of Agriculture, University of Illinois, at Urbana, on May 18. Dr. Spillman has selected for his subject, "Balancing the Agricultural Output".

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Whalin in the death of his seventeen-year old daughter, Elsie, who died in a hospital here Sunday night from injuries received when an automobile ran over her two weeks ago. Miss Whalin was with a party of friends at the time the accident occurred.

Mrs. Florence T. Mothersead, Dairy and Poultry Products, has returned to her office after an absence of two weeks due to ivy poisoning.

H.W.Schneck is in Washington for a few days en route from Hastings, Fla. to Pocomoke City, Md., where he will operate the new market news office. Aaron Stambaugh leaves this week to assist in the work of this station and will remain there about two months.

T.R.Hall, of the Boston Fruit and Vegetable office, will stop in Washington Thursday while traveling to his new assignment in St. Louis. He will remain here about a week.

E.G.Parker, Cotton Division, left Sunday night for New York to assist in the classification of cotton incident to delivery on future contracts.

C.L.Shiley, Assistant Marketing Specialist, recently appointed in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division; O. McConkey, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, Canada and M.W.Crenshaw, Port Commission of Norfolk, Va., have been at the Hay, Feed and Seed Laboratory for the past two weeks taking a course in hay grading. Mr. Shiley has been taking additional training for his new duties, Mr. McConkey has been studying the United States hay grades with a view to teaching them and Mr. Crenshaw has been studying to qualify for a license as a Federal Hay Inspector at Norfolk to succeed Mr. Shiley who was formerly inspector at that point.

W.I.Drummond, of Kansas City, Mo., who is Chairman of the Board of Governors, American Farm Congress, called on Mr. Cooper on Monday.

Mrs. Edith M. Velasquez, of the Division of Agricultural Finance, formerly with the Division of Statistical and Historical Research is resigning on May 18, and will be greatly missed by her many friends. Mrs. Velasquez has been with the Bureau for over two years.

G.A. Collier, Hay, Feed and Seeds, leaves this week for Delaware and New Jersey to confer with market correspondents and officials of State marketing agencies relative to the Grain, Hay and Feed Market News Service. Mr. Collier will go into New England next week for the same purpose. He expects to make arrangements for conducting the news service for the coming year.

Miss Verna M. Schult of the Los Angeles Fruit and Vegetable office has been detailed temporarily to the El Centro, Calif., station to assist on the market reports on cantaloupes.

The Omaha Grain office force has been considerably depleted in the recent departures of three of their personnel. Martin F. Haggerty was transferred to Duluth in April. Miss Ruth Hedlund, chief clerk, was called to her home in Minneapolis on account of the illness of her father who we regret to learn, has suffered a stroke making it inadvisable for her to return to Omaha at this time. F.L. Loos, supervisor at Omaha is being transferred to Duluth, which will be his future headquarters. A farewell party was given him on the eve of his departure by William Bailey.

T.W. Johnson and Francis King of the Maryland Agricultural College, and J. W. Coleman of the West Virginia College of Agriculture stopped at the Washington office last week. They were driving through to Crystal Springs, Miss. and Alexandria, La., to operate field stations on potatoes and tomatoes for the Fruits and Vegetable Division.

J. Kenny Miller, of the Cotton Division, has gone to New York to assist in the classification of cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts.

Mrs. Jessie Lawrence, formerly of the Dairy and Poultry Products Division, visited her friends in that office on Saturday. Mrs. Lawrence lives at Hillside, N.J.

E.R. Coleman, of the Chicago Grain office, will again conduct the musical services of the "Little Brown Church" over station WLS, Sunday evening, May 23, from 7 to 9 o'clock daylight savings time.

Mrs. Emma V. Burton of the Machine Tabulating Section, was given a pleasant surprise on the occasion of her birthday last Monday. Her co-workers served ice cream and a birthday cake during the lunch period, and presented Mrs. Burton with a scarf to wish her a happy birthday.

Joseph A. Becker, Crop and Livestock Estimates, was called to Wisconsin last week on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Visitors to this office last week included two former members of the staff. M.S. Wiggins, now with Chase and Company, at Sanford, Fla., and O.D. Miller of the firm of Steinhardt and Kelly, Phoenix, Ariz., stopped to see their friends here. Mr. Miller was accompanied by Mrs. Miller and their young son.

G.B. Fiske, Fruits and Vegetables is taking a vacation until June 1.

Friends of Mrs. Olyn C. Johnson, formerly Miss Dorothy Powell of the Grain Division, will be interested to learn of the arrival of a son, Kenneth Powell, on May 16. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson live at Le Raysville, Pa.

H.C. Slade of the Cotton Division has gone on a trip through the southern States for the purpose of purchasing cotton to be used in the preparation of the practical forms of Universal Cotton Standards.

Miss Effie Jenkins, Dairy and Poultry Products, was called home in Virginia last week on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Jenkins returned Monday.

Walter Kingsbury of the Salt Lake City Fruit and Vegetable office is on two weeks' annual leave during which time he will take a trip to southern Utah.

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GOOD WORK AND HIGH IDEALS

CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR MESSENGER BOYS.

Comment has been made from time to time of the splendid work our messengers are doing, and it is gratifying to note the fine spirit of loyalty and earnestness they show. That they are serious-minded is illustrated in the following clipping noticed on the desk belonging to one of the boys:

TEN DEMANDMENTS

1. Don't sidestep. You'll lose your balance. Your job has a straight and narrow road.
2. Don't make excuses. Don't offer alibis. Don't blame the other fellow.
3. Watch your work. Don't be a busybody. Be a body who is busy.
4. You owe so much to yourself, you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt.
5. Be honest. Dishonesty is a weakness, sometimes a disease.
6. Mind your own business; in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.
7. Respect yourself and your work. Business is respectable; dress your behavior accordingly.
8. Don't dissipate. What you do nights may be your own business. But if your night's play affects your day's work, and you do half as much as you should, you'll last half as long as you should.
9. Don't flatter; praise often. Real people don't want valets for their pride; they want appreciation of work well done.
10. Don't think you know it all. No one does; hence the world moves and life's worth living.

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1. MRS. JARDINE HONOR GUEST AT AGRICULTURAL WOMEN'S DINNER.

Mrs. Jardine, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, was the honor guest and Miss Bertha Henderson, Assistant Economic Analyst, of the Division of Land Economics was the speaker of the evening at the last monthly dinner of the Business and Professional Women's Section of the Women's City Club. Miss Henderson outlined the Bureau's work relating to the land and to settlers, enlivened with many personal and unusual experiences, before an audience of more than a hundred closely interested persons. Mrs. Walcott, wife of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, talked on her experiences as manager of a dairy farm in Pennsylvania.

As Miss Florence Ward of the Extension Service, Chairman of the dinner, decided to make it representative of women in agricultural work in Washington, more than twenty guests were invited from this Department from selected lists obtained from the Bureaus. Those especially invited from this Bureau, in addition to Miss Henderson, were Misses Mary G. Lacy, Librarian, Caroline B. Sherman, Editor, Emily Clark, Appropriations Office and Chairman of the Women's Council, Miriam C. Vance, Reviewing Section and Lucy Watt, of the Market News Service of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables. In the roll call of guests Miss Clark responded for this Bureau, outlining in a few words the work of each as the name was called. Several other members of the Bureau were present, as members of the Club or as guests of members.

2. MR. WIETZ GOES ABROAD TO STUDY LAND UTILIZATION.

In order to study various land economic problems, especially from the viewpoint of land utilization in central and western Europe, Bernard O. Wietz, Land Economics, is planning to go abroad for five months.

Mr. Wietz expects to spend some time at the Institute of Agricultural Economics at Oxford and at the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. He is interested in obtaining information that will show the relationship of high European crop yields to certain items of cost such as labor and fertilizers. The itinerary as planned, takes Mr. Wietz to Great Britain, France, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and The Netherlands, and at intervals during the summer he will take annual leave.

Mr. Wietz sails June 2, on the S.S. Berengaria.

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MONDAY, MAY 31, will be observed as a holiday in all Government offices since Memorial Day, May 30, falls on Sunday this year.

3. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR
COTTON CLASSERS TO BE GIVEN.

The Cotton Division will hold a school for cotton classers in Augusta, Ga., starting June 1. This course of instruction will last two weeks and will train men in the application of universal standards for grade and official cotton standards for length of staple. This is given in cooperation with the Warehouse Division for the benefit of the cotton classers of licensed warehouses. George Butterworth leaves Sunday night to conduct the demonstration at Augusta and will go to Birmingham for a similar school to be held June 16-30. J.G. Martin, of the Charlotte, N.C., Cotton office will conduct the two-weeks' course there, beginning June 1. Later in the summer the training will be given at Greenwood, Miss.

In cooperation with State Colleges, the Cotton Division expects to hold courses at the following places: Raleigh, N.C.; Clemson College, S.C.; Athens, Ga.; Baton Rouge, La.; College Station, Texas and Stillwater, Okla.

4. MR. KELLOGG RESIGNS FROM
KANSAS CITY HAY OFFICE.

G. F. Kellogg, who has been in charge of the Kansas City office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division for the past three years, and prior to that was in charge of the Chicago office for five years, resigned effective May 15 to enter the commercial seed business. He will be associated with the Kellogg-Kelly Seed Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, which was recently organized.

He was the leading field man oldest in point of service in the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, and his place will be hard to fill. His many friends in the Bureau and in the seed, feed and hay trade wish him the best of success in his new undertaking.

5. STUDY OF FEEDING AND USES OF
WORK HORSES TO BE MADE.

Cooperative agreement has been entered into between this Bureau and Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station, the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Public Roads to make a study of feeding city work horses and their uses. H.R. Tolley, Farm Management, will direct this Bureau's part of this survey to be conducted in Bridgeport, Conn. and other parts of the state, to determine the optimum amounts of legume and grass hays for work and idle horses in combination with oats and other concentrates. The study will also determine the cost of delivering commodities with horses.

6. SESQUICENTENNIAL PAINTINGS TO BE
PLACED ON EXHIBITION FRIDAY.

The Committee on Sesquicentennial Exhibits announces that such paintings as are ready to be displayed, will be placed in the Conference Room^{to} be viewed by members of the Bureau on Friday. Because of the need for the space at 300 Linworth Place, preparation of the exhibits will be removed to another building.

7. PROPOSED PLANS FOR GRADING COTTON SEED AND LINTERS PRAISED IN NEW ORLEANS.

Enthusiastic approval of the Bureau's work toward establishing standards for cotton seed and linters, met G.S. Meloy, Cotton Division, while he was in New Orleans for annual conventions of the American Oil Chemists' Society, May 10 and 11 and the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, May 12-14. Most of the membership of the two organizations present attended the sessions of both meetings, lasting through five days.

Of the four cotton seed products, oil and linters are perhaps the most important. Meal and hulls are used largely for dairy feed. The use of linters in the manufacture of many commercial products, recently popular, has given great value to this crude material. They are used for making varnish, ivory substitute, rayon silk, cellophane and numerous other articles recently produced and now in common use, besides absorbent cotton, felt mattresses and other well-known articles.

Unanimous approval was given the proposed official standards for linters to be established as of August 1, when use of the present tentative standards will terminate. What proved to be of greatest interest to both organizations however, and apparently a climax for the two conventions, was the "Proposed Plan for Grading Cotton Seed for Crushing Purposes," presented and explained by Mr. Meloy. That this report was eagerly anticipated was realized when practically all of the 750 representatives in attendance staid for this subject although it was the last feature of the week's program. This plan as outlined was highly praised and will be tested by practical application during the coming season. Mr. Meloy's address on this subject has been published by the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association as a separate bulletin to be distributed to their mailing list.

Since his return, Mr. Meloy has recieved letters of appreciation for the aid rendered by the Bureau. Returning to Washington, he stopped in Cincinnati to discuss the standard grades for linters with the Linters Committee of the Mattress Makers' Association.

8. BULLETIN ON RURAL HOSPITALS RECEIVES FAVORABLE COMMENT.

In the May 1 issue of the "Kansas Farmer" appears an article praising Wayne C. Nason's bulletin on Rural Hospitals. The author, himself a physician, says in part:

"From the standpoint of the doctor I'll say he (Mr. Nason) has done a mighty good piece of work. This subject of rural hospitals is an important one. As Mr. Nason starts out by saying 'If hospitals are good for city people, why not for country people?' One of the most interesting features of the bulletin is the report given on the County-Home Hospital of an Ohio town whose mayor commends the management, excellent service and pre-war rates. The town could not maintain a hospital except by heavy endowment. The county could not have a hospital except in this way. This system is recommended for every community."

9. DEVELOPMENT OF THE CATTLE
INDUSTRY IN MONTANA BEING STUDIED.

Agreement has been entered into between the Bureau and the Montana State College of Agriculture to study the historical development of the cattle industry in eastern Montana to determine the cause and extent of failures in the business, the type of cattle which has proved the most successful in that region and how the industry has been affected by changes in local conditions as well as by outside competition and demand.

This study is being conducted by Robert S. Fletcher of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research.

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 21 are:

Massachusetts. Dept. of Agriculture. Division of markets. Receipts and sources of Boston food supply, April, 1924, Feb. 1925, March, 1926. Boston, 1924-26.

Munro, William Bennett. The governments of Europe ... New York, The Macmillan company, 1926.

South Dakota wheat growers association. The South Dakota wheat growers association. What it is, how it operates, how it is managed, achievements since organization. Wheat pooling in other states and countries... [n.p.] 1926.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin no. 406. Butter and cheese markets in South America, comp. by M. A. Wulfert ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade promotion series, no. 30. Peruvian public finance, by C. A. McQueen... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Agriculture relief. Hearings... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 973, S.2289, S.2541, S.2917, S.2918, S.3446, S.3509, and H. R. 7893... Washington, 1926. pt. 1-3.

U. S. Dept. of the interior. Bureau of education. Statistics of land-grant colleges, year ended June 30, 1924 ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Bulletin, 1925, no.26)

U. S. Federal board for vocational education. Analysis of the management of a cotton-growing enterprise. Managerial-training content of the type jobs of an enterprise of growing cotton for market. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Bulletin no. 105, Agricultural series no. 26)

U. S. Tariff commission. Minutes of the meetings of the United States Tariff commission... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (69th Congress, 1st sess. Senate. Doc. no.83)

11. IN CONGRESS:

- H.R. 11603, the Haugen Farm Relief bill was defeated in the House, and the Tincher and Aswell commodity marketing measures were withdrawn. A revised bill for the same purpose, H.R.12362, has been introduced by Mr.Aswell and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.
- H.R. 2, by Mr. McFadden, "an act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations" which passed the Senate on May 13, is in Conference.
- H.R. 7, to amend the retirement act passed the Senate on May 20, with amendments which provide a maximum annuity of \$1200, and an optional retirement age of 65 years for clerical service. The bill will go to Conference.
- H.R.9268, by Mr. Stevenson, to amend agricultural credits act of 1923, authorizing the intermediate credit banks to make advances on crops being grown for market, passed the House on May 17, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.
- H.R.10429, by Mr. Smith, to adjust water-right charges, to grant other relief on the Federal irrigation projects, **** has been passed by both Houses and sent to the President for signature.
- S. 2606, by Senator McLean, to prohibit offering for sale as Federal Farm Loan bonds any securities not issued under the terms of the Farm Loan act, **** has been passed by both Houses and sent to the President for signature.
- S.5926, by Senator McNary, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables passed the Senate on May 10, but on motion of Senator Harrison the vote will be reconsidered.

New Bills:

- S. 4290 by Senator Heflin, a bill to provide for the interstate dissemination of information concerning the purchase and sale of cotton for future delivery, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.
- H.R.12285, by Mr. Berger, to amend an act entitled "An act for the retirement for employees in the classified civil service **** was referred to the Committee on Civil Service.
- H.Res.271, by Mr. Kincheloe, a resolution relative to the plan of the Department of Agriculture for the registration and licensing of the fruit and vegetable industry *** was referred to the Committee on Rules.

BUREAU BREVITIES

12. THE LEADING ARTICLE IN THE TEXTILE WORLD for May 1, is the description by Horace H. Willis of Government Research in raw cotton. The article is illustrated including a photograph of the author and is well introduced by the editors who refer to the work as good ground work from which progress is being made and conclusions reached.
13. THE BATES ASPIRATOR and how it works in cleaning grain, together with discussion of the necessity for cleaning grain, especially in the smut area of the Northwest, forms the theme of Miscellaneous Circular 56 prepared by E. N. Bates, G. P. Bodnar and R. L. Baldwin. The publication, just issued, will be distributed well before the wheat cleaning season.
14. U.S. STANDARDS FOR SWEET POTATOES (1926), a mimeographed outline of grades is now available for distribution.
15. U.S. STANDARDS FOR AMERICAN (EASTERN TYPE) BUNCH GRAPES (1926) is available in mimeograph form, also.
16. ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA WHITE POTATO DEAL, SEASON 1925, is the title of a summary by R.L.Sutton. This report which is ready for distribution contains a general review of the season, the U.S. Grades, car-lot shipments, destinations and unloads.
17. THE ECONOMIC LIMITS OF COST OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION, RIO GRANDE PROJECT, TEXAS, is a preliminary report by R.P.Teele, Land Economics in cooperation with Paul A. Ewing, Bureau of Public Roads. This is another part of a general study of the economic limits of the cost of water for irrigation purposes, reports of certain projects having been made from time to time.
18. VIRGINIA FARM STATISTICS-1925, a bulletin compiled jointly by W. F. Callander, Crop and Livestock Estimates and Henry M. Taylor, Statistician for Virginia, is the third of the annual statistical bulletins issued by the Virginia Crop Reporting Service-the cooperative office of state and Federal Bureaus. Copies may be procured.

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The NEWS has just received the following card of thanks, dated May 20:

"To our many friends in the Bureau and Department:

Who can be insensible to the thoughtful, comforting impulses of sympathetic and true friends? By your kind words, thoughts and deeds you have helped us through an ordeal that shatters human souls.

We also are comforted by this thought. Elsie, our budding rose, ruthlessly plucked from our home by Demons, Speed and Rum, blooms with eternal beauty and fragrance in the Home not built with hands.

With deep appreciation to our friends,

(Signed) Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Whalin and family."

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Mr. Tenny has been invited to represent Secretary Jardine at the Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association, at Roanoke, June 19. Mr. Tenny will address the bankers on "Present Day Problems in American Agriculture."

Dr. B. Youngblood who has been in Texas for several weeks is expected back in Washington June 4.

A. W. Palmer, Cotton Division, attended a joint meeting of directors of Experiment Stations of the cotton growing states and the Cotton Production Council of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers at Memphis, Tenn., on May 21.

Interesting letters have been received from Dr. Galpin at Milan and Nice. He expected to reach Paris May 18, thence into Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia to Berlin. The following is quoted from one of Dr. Galpin's letters: "Dr. Hobson, as Chairman of the American Delegation, in my estimation, gained a real statesmanlike victory at Rome, and maintained the respect not only of Great Britain's Delegation (Sir Daniel Hall and Sir Robert Greig, etc.) but of all Delegations."

J.W.Tapp, Secretary of the New England Research Council was in to see Mr. Olsen Monday.

Roy C. Potts, in charge, Dairy and Poultry Products, is in Chicago for a few days to confer with the executive committee of the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association regarding plans for the joint inspection of eggs with that organization. L. J. Graham left Saturday to demonstrate and explain the candling, grading, and packing of eggs under the U. S. Standards. He will be in Philadelphia and New York City, returning the last of the week. J.G.Cross will go to New York, New Haven and Philadelphia about June 1 to arrange for securing reports of fluid milk and cream receipts in the city of New York.

A.W.McKay and Kelsey B.Gardner, Agricultural Cooperation, were in New York City the first of the week conferring with officials of the California Fruit Growers' Express relative to a study of marketing practices of that organization.

G.C.Edler, Hay, Feed and Seeds, will leave next week for a trip to Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin to obtain information pertaining to production, prices and carry-over of grasses grown in those states. ^{market} Mr. Edler will interview growers, shippers and members of the trade regarding conditions of these seeds.

Miss Sarah L. Pettengill, of the Minneapolis Grain Office is exchanging positions with Miss Ruth Hedlund of Omaha in order that Miss Hedlund may be at her home in Minneapolis. These transfers are effective June 1.

Mrs. M. M. Custer, Warehouse Division, was called to her home in Pennsylvania last week on account of the illness of her mother. Just as we go to press, word has been received that Mrs. Custer's mother died this (Tuesday) afternoon. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, will deliver an address at the National Conference of Social Workers at Cleveland, Ohio, June 2, at the invitation of Mrs. Eva Whiting White, Simmons College, Boston. The title of Dr. Kirkpatrick's speech is "Facts and Factors with regard to the Farmers Standard of Living". Returning, he will stop in Columbus to confer with officials of the University in regard to tabulation of family living data from farm management cost account records kept in cooperation with the Division of Farm Management.

William E. Leigh, of the Chicago staff of Fruit and Vegetable Inspection will go to Cincinnati for several weeks to take charge of that office during the absence of J. E. Dickerson who is taking his annual vacation.

B.E.Shaffer, of Fruit and Vegetable Standards has gone on an extensive trip to the Northwest to investigate grades and standards for commodities produced in that section.

F. E. Hooper is being transferred from New York City to Boston to take charge of the Fruit and Vegetable office. The vacancy made when T.R. Hall was transferred to St. Louis.

M. L. Wilson, in charge, Farm Management and Costs, leaves this week for points in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee to interview officials of agricultural colleges and experiment stations with regard to cooperative farm management work. He will be absent about a week.

C.M.Fritz, Grain Exchange Supervisor of the Chicago Grain Futures Administration visited the Minneapolis office recently.

Miss Myrtle Large, Agricultural Cooperation, has recovered from an illness of ten days.

Miss Anna R. Sullivan, Statistical and Historical Research, has returned to her desk after three weeks sick leave. Miss Sullivan went to her home in Clyde, New York to recuperate.

Dr. W.J.Spillman, Farm Management and Costs has gone to Lincoln, Nebr., Laramie, Wyo. and other points in the West. He will confer with State Agricultural College and Experiment Station officials in regard to cooperation in Farm Management work, and in Spokane, Wash. he will assist in a farm management study in the Big Bend Country.

Delos L. James, Dairy and Poultry Products, leaves Wednesday for a trip to the West Coast to make a survey of milk marketing problems in the Portland, Oregon territory.

Word has been received that L. W. Stephenson of the Atlanta office, Hay, Feed and Seeds, was called to his home in Ohio on account of the death of his mother, in an automobile accident Saturday. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Stephenson in his bereavement.

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1. MR. COOPER RESIGNS TO RESUME DUTIES WITH UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY.

The following statement was released May 28 by the Office of the Secretary:-

Thomas P. Cooper, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, has tendered his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to resume his duties as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station of the University of Kentucky. Secretary Jardine has accepted his resignation to take effect June 10. Lloyd S. Tenny, Assistant Chief, has been appointed Acting Chief of the Bureau.

At the request of Secretary Jardine, the University of Kentucky granted Mr. Cooper a leave of absence on September 1, 1925, to become head of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

"I am reluctant to accept your resignation, as I would like to have you carry forward the good work you have been doing as head of one of the most important bureaus in the Department of Agriculture", said Secretary Jardine in accepting Mr. Cooper's resignation. "I feel obligated to accept it, however, for I am mindful of the understanding with the University of Kentucky to the effect that you were to return to your former duties at the close of the temporary leave of absence, which was granted by the University trustees. You have made an enviable record during the brief time you have been in the Department, and I am particularly gratified at the success you have had in the special work for which I drafted you into Government service, and for the sympathetic cooperation which you have extended to me at all times. There is genuine appreciation in all parts of the country of the constructive work being done by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the splendid spirit shown by those working under you is striking evidence of your leadership."

2. A STATEMENT BY MR. COOPER.

It is with a feeling of genuine regret that I sever my relationship with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In the closing days I have found how greatly my interests have become bound up in the various lines of work that are being carried on in the Bureau. There is so much that is worth while, and that I should like to have a part in carrying through.

I admire the vigorous aggressiveness of the Bureau in the prosecution of its work and the spirit of study and research which is the foundation of effective progress in the economic field. I am pleased with the efforts of the personnel, whether in the field or at Washington.

Two features, especially, stand out in my experience with the Bureau. First, the fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation which has been manifest throughout the period I have been with you and, second, the willingness to respond to new or unexpected demands that may have been made. These outstand-

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ing features, together with many acts of helpful assistance, have made my work with the Bureau very pleasant. I hope that I may have given to you the leadership and the encouragement that you had the right to expect. Whatever may have been accomplished is largely due to the effective manner in which we have worked together.

Before I came into the Bureau I was interested in its work and felt a close relationship to it. I leave with an intensified interest and understanding of the problems of the organization and a very definite conviction of the very great service that the staff of this Bureau renders to American Agriculture. As time goes on I am sure the work that is now in progress will mean increasingly more to American Agriculture. Much, in future accomplishment, will come from close cooperation within the Bureau activities. While, officially, I shall leave you I shall continue to watch, with interest, the progress of the Bureau.

I hope that I may often have the opportunity of seeing many of you in the future and that Lexington may be kept on your map. I am sure that you will give to my successor the fine loyalty and support that has been given to me.

Sincerely yours,



3. ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS.

Attention is called to the clause in the Administrative Regulations of the Department which reads as follows; "Beginning with the second Saturday in June, all Saturdays to and including the second Saturday in September will be charged as four hours in annual leave and as a whole day in sick leave and leave without pay. (Paragraph amended; effective October 30, 1924.)"

4. SECRETARY APPROVES OFFICIAL
GRADES FOR BARLEY.

As a result of the recent hearings on barley grades held in the Pacific Coast and northern markets, the Secretary approved and signed on May 26 the official grades for barley as prepared and recommended by the Grain Division. H.J.Besley, in charge, Grain Division, E.G.Boerner, Grain Investigations and J.H.Cox, Barley Investigations, conducted the hearings and because conditions in the producing sections west of the Great Plains are different from those obtaining in the remainder of the country, the standards as promulgated are designed to care for this situation. A number of changes therefore were made in the proposed grades in response to suggestions received at the hearings. Barley produced on the West Coast is graded on a dockage basis whereas barley produced east of the Rocky Mountains will be inspected under a system of grading which does not provide for dockage.

The barley standards were promulgated in response to numerous requests from producers, dealers, state officials and exporters. Official grades are now available for corn, oats, wheat, rye, grain sorghum and barley. Mimeographed copies of the barley standards are available from the Grain Division. After the expiration of the ninety days required by the Grain Standards Act, which will be August 24, 1926, these standards will become officially effective.

5. DAIRY DIVISION MEN HOLD CONFERENCE OVER SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY.

Roy C. Potts, in charge of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products called a special conference of some of their branch office men on Sunday and Monday. Those who attended were Mr. Potts, L.M. Davis, Rob R. Slocum and Charles E. Eckles of the Washington office; L.F. Champlin, in charge and Bruce S. Mars, Jr., of New York; W.A. Dakin, in charge, Boston; L.E. Gaylord in charge and Marcus A. McCarron, Jr., Philadelphia; Clarence L. Pier, in charge, Chicago and R.W. Leffler, in charge, Plymouth, Wis. Mr. Tenny met with the session for a short time on Monday and spoke on the broader phases of organization. Mr. Marquis also was present and gave a talk on the plans for bringing the service to the attention of more producers and the trade. He told of the radio as a means of disseminating market information. The general discussion on practical uses of the service by dairy and poultry interests and the increased responsibility due to the use of the service was of great interest to the men who handle these problems daily. Other phases of the service were reporting the market and means of meeting new problems arising from changed methods of trading, particularly the increasing tendency toward contact sales, which limits the amount of open wholesale trading.

Due to pressure of work, these men could not arrange a conference at any other time than over a week-end and the holiday gave an added day for the occasion. They were all to be back at their respective headquarters on Tuesday morning. The conference, at the expense of the little vacation, was considered entirely worth while and the men were pleased to meet each other and talk over their mutual interests.

6. STUDY OF POULTRY AND EGG STORAGE PLANTS TO BE MADE.

Cooperative agreement has been entered into by this Bureau and the Bureau of Public Roads to conduct an investigational study of poultry and egg packing and storage plants. The purpose of this study will be to determine the most practicable methods employed in these plants with a view to recommending those found to be best. Roy C. Potts, Dairy and Poultry Products, will be responsible for the Bureau's part of the study and an architect of rural engineering will represent the Bureau of Public Roads.

7. ADMINISTRATION OF THE U. S. EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT.

The Office of Personnel and Business Administration of the Department hereafter will give special attention to the cases of employees entitled to compensation under the provisions of the U. S. Employees Compensation Act and James R. Williams will have immediate charge of the details of that work.

Copies of P.B.A. Circular No. 32, "Administration of the Employees' Compensation Act", are being transmitted with this issue of the B.A.E. News to the field and are being distributed among the Washington staff. This circular briefly outlines the rights of injured employees and the procedure to be followed in the case of injury or death.

Reports of all cases will continue to be sent direct to the Employment Manager of this Bureau, who will transmit them through the proper channels to the Compensation Commission.

8. MANY DIVISIONS INVOLVED IN CHANGES FOLLOWING EXODUS TO NEW BUILDING.

Changes in space assignments in the Bieber Building incident to occupancy of the new building are being made as repairs and alterations will permit. Divisions affected by changes in location are:

- AGRICULTURAL FINANCE-From the fourth floor to 800 and 800-a. Room 800 is being remodeled to provide a suite of four new offices.
- AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION- From the fifth floor to 800-b, 810, 811, 812, 813, 815, 816, 816-a, 817, 819, 820, 822, 824, 825, 818 and 821.
- LIVESTOCK, MEATS AND WOOL DIVISION- From sixth floor, south, to rooms 600, 601, 602, 603, 605, 607, 608, 609-a and 622, vacated by the Drafting Section and the STENOGRAPHIC SECTION- which is exchanging offices with the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division on the south side of the sixth floor, rooms 618, 619, 620, 620-a, and 620-b,
- DRAFTING SECTION- From the sixth floor to 801, 802, 802-a and 802-b, lately occupied by the Wool Work of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.
- PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION- Will have additional space in rooms 604 and 623 vacated by the Drafting Section.
- WAREHOUSE DIVISION- Will acquire rooms 809 and 803-a, formerly Cotton space. They will have a cotton testing room at 221 Linworth also.
- DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS- Additional space in 427, 427-a, 427-b formerly occupied by Agricultural Finance, Mr. Cross, Mr. Duval and Miss Jordan; 422, 424 and 426. This Division is giving up some of the space now held on the west side of the building to--
- STATISTICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH-Will vacate rooms 335 and 325 and take over 329, 410, 412, 413, 414 and 416 given up by Dairy and Poultry Products; they acquire also 509, 509-a, 510, 512 and 513.
- GRAIN DIVISION- Acquires for Mr. Sweitzer's Section now in "C" Building, rooms 420 and 421 vacated by Livestock, Meats and Wool. The Baking Laboratory will move from C Street to the top floor of 221 Linworth Place.
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLE DIVISION- Will expand to rooms 505, 507, and 508, now occupied by Agricultural Cooperation. The Package Standardization work will be transferred from 525 and 526 to 221 Linworth Place. Room 513 will be vacated and made available for part of Dr. Stine's work.
- These changes will necessarily take time but the work is progressing and it is believed the moving can be started in about two weeks.
- Other assignments being made leave all of 200-14th Street for Crop and Livestock Estimates, except such space as will be necessary for mimeographing work of the Bureau; Wool Work of Livestock, Meats and Wool Division has moved from the eighth floor of the Bieber Building to the fourth floor in 300 Linworth, where they will have storage space in the basement, also.

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9. A SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS REGARDING FARM FAMILY LIVING as developed by the study of 2,886 farm families in 11 States is presented in the Christian Science Monitor for May 21, together with a photograph of Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, who planned and directed this study. This article gives a close-up of the typical or composite farm family as evoked by these figures.

10. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION
HOLDS SECOND SUMMER SESSION.

The American Institute of Cooperation will hold its Second Summer Session at the University of Minnesota, from June 21 to July 17. The Institute offers in these sessions an opportunity for members, officers and employees of cooperative marketing organizations, teachers, students and research workers and others to receive training; it will serve to clarify the aim and scope of cooperative organizations and will train workers in this field of business endeavor. While the Institute will give special attention to commodities grown in the western states it will at the same time give attention to the problems of interest to the whole cooperative movement. The four topics to be studied by weeks, are livestock and wool; milk, butter, cheese and dairy products; horticultural and poultry products; grain and cotton, also finance and credit problems, in the order named.

Secretary Jardine will address the Institute on the "Progress of Cooperative Marketing" on the evening of June 28. Mr. Tenny is Treasurer of the organization. C. L. Christensen, of Division of Agricultural Cooperation will give a talk on "The Business Set-up of Cooperatives" the opening day of the Session. Mr. Christensen and Roy C. Potts will take part in a preliminary conference on the cooperative marketing of poultry products the week of July 5.

Any person can attend the Institute upon the payment of the tuition fees.

11. CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE FRUIT
EXCHANGES TO BE STUDIED.

K.B. Gardner, Agricultural Cooperation, left today for California to make an economic study of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange and the California Fruit Exchange relative to the existing practice of these two cooperative associations selling through one cooperative agency in the terminal markets. The question as to how far cooperatives should go in cooperating in the terminal markets is one in which a number of large cooperative associations are interested at this time. It is believed that the experience of these two large California Cooperators who have been using the same selling force in the terminal markets for over 20 years affords the Bureau a unique opportunity for research and study of this particular problem. Before returning to Washington Mr. Gardner will spend some time in a number of the larger markets of the middle west and the east in connection with this study.

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12. POULTRY AND EGG INDUSTRY OF EUROPE is treated at some length by H. C. Pierce, in Department Bulletin 1385. Mr. Pierce collaborated with this Bureau in making the first hand study on which this report is based. The author gives credit and thanks to a long list of people, both American and foreign, who aided him in making the study and in reporting it in print.

13. AN INDEX TO THE STATE OFFICIAL SOURCES OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS in Alabama has been compiled by Miss Margaret T. Olcott, Assistant Librarian, and is ready for distribution as "Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 15."

14. IN CONGRESS:

- H. R. 10429, by Mr. Smith, an act to adjust water-right charges, to grant certain other relief on the Federal irrigation projects, and for other purposes, was signed by the President May 25.
- H. R. 7889, by Mr. Begg, has passed both Houses. This bill authorizes a subsistence allowance for government employes of not more than \$7.00 a day in the United States or \$8.00 when traveling in foreign countries. Per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence may be fixed at \$6.00 for domestic travel and \$7.00 for foreign travel.
- H. R. 7893, by Mr. Haugen, to create a division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture is before the Senate, ***** an amendment was offered by Senator Harris.
- H. R. 11765, by Mr. Gilbert, a bill to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco in the Department of Agriculture has been under consideration in the House Committee on Agriculture.
- S. 2606, by Senator McLean, an act to prohibit offering for sale as Federal farm loan bonds any securities not issued under the terms of the farm loan act, to limit the use of the words "Federal", "United States", or "reserve", or a combination of such words, to prohibit false advertising, and for other purposes, was signed by the President May 25.
- H. R. 7818, by Mr. Andresen, an act to amend section 304 of the Packers and Stockyards act, was signed by the President May 5.
- S. Res. 230, by Senator George, directing the Tariff Commission to inquire into comparative production costs of peanuts, soy beans and cottonseed oil in the United States and competing countries, was adopted.

New Bills:

- H. R. 12418, by Mr. McSwain, a bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce by encouraging the orderly marketing of basic agricultural commodities and to stabilize all industries, including agriculture*****; has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- H. R. 12362, by Mr. Aswell, a bill to establish a Federal farm loan board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities; has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Similar bills have also been introduced by Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Anthony.

15. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 28 are:

American railway association. Car service division. Annual bulletin, 1925. Washington, D. C., 1926.

British cotton growing association. Transport in Africa. East Africa commission's recommendations... ([Publication] no. 90, November, 1925)

Central landowners' association. A brief summary of the effect of recent legislation, 1925. London, 1926.

Chicago. Board of trade. Codification of the rules and regulations of the Board of trade of the city of Chicago. December 1, 1925, Chicago, Hedstrom-Barry co., printers, 1925.

Chicago dairy produce. Dairy-produce year book, 1925. Chicago, 1926.

Eigelberner, J. The investigation of business problems; technique and procedure... Chicago & New York, A. W. Shaw company; [etc., etc.] 1926.

Gt. Brit. Ministry of agriculture and fisheries. Report of proceedings under the Agricultural wages (regulation) act, 1924... 1924/25. London, 1926.

Port of New York authority. Annual report, 1925. Albany, J. B. Lyon company, printers, 1926.

South Africa. Durban grain elevator commission. Report. Cape Town, Cape times limited, government printers, 1924.

Swiss bank corporation. Financial & commercial review, 1925. London [1925]

U. S. Bureau of the census. United States census of agriculture: 1925. Vermont. Statistics by counties ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

H.W. Samson, Fruits and Vegetables, who has been in the West for the past two months returned today. He has conferred with members of the trade and workers of the Bureau on inspection and standardization in the states of the Pacific Coast section as well as in Colorado and reports a satisfactory trip.

M.L. Wilson, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, went to Trenton, N. J., Friday to discuss cooperative farm management and cost studies with officials of the New Jersey Agricultural College and Experiment Station.

W.A. Wheeler, in charge Hay, Feed and Seeds, returned from Canada where he went to demonstrate standards for broom corn. Mr. Wheeler reports that those who attended the conferences were favorably impressed with the U. S. Grades.

William E. Dent, of the Houston, Texas, Cotton Office is scheduled to go to College Station, Texas, June 5 to demonstrate the Universal Cotton Standards before a class at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Dent will probably remain there about 30 days.

J. L. Mozley, of the Atlanta Livestock office will travel in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi for the next two weeks to assist in a study pertaining to increased livestock production in the Coastal Plain region.

C.G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, went to Ronceverte and Lewisburg, W. Va., last week to attend a sectional conference with managers and officials of the Cooperative Shipping Association. The topic for discussion was livestock marketing problems in that state.

G.A. Collier, Hay, Feed and Seeds, has returned from New Jersey, Delaware and the New England States. As a result of his trip plans were made to develop the Market News Service with these states, such as has been conducted in cooperation with these states for some time past. Memoranda of agreement were entered into with these states for the next fiscal year.

It is with sincere regret that we learn that Miss Virginia L. Bell, Hay, Feed and Seeds, was called to her home in Haymarket, Va., last week at the death of her mother, who had been ill for several years.

J.H. Shollenberger, Milling and Baking Investigations, has gone to Chicago and Minneapolis for two weeks to investigate the milling qualities of wheat.

Thew D. Johnson, Farm Management, left last week for Gainesville, Fla. to meet and assist Mr. Jennings in the range cattle study being conducted in the states of the Coastal Plains.

W.M. King, Hay, Feed and Seeds, has returned to Washington after a short trip to Norfolk where he inspected alfalfa and assisted the local inspector in determining grades.

R.W. Roberts, Warehouse Division, plans to go to Kentucky this week to make inspections of tobacco warehouses. He will probably be absent 30 days. William R. Windes, of Raleigh, N.C., also will go to Kentucky to assist in this work.

Lewis Myers, who has been in the Houston, Texas Cotton office since October is being transferred to Little Rock, Ark., where he will serve as a cotton inspector. This change will become effective June 5.

J.G. Cross, Transportation Specialist, who has gone to Philadelphia, New York and New Haven for the Dairy division, will proceed to Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, to interview railroad officials regarding shipment reports of fruits and vegetables.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Carrie H. Kardell, Statistical and Historical Research, in the loss of her husband who died Saturday following an illness of several weeks.

S.H. Pearce, Cotton Division, expects to leave June 5 for Clemson College, S.C. and Augusta, Ga. to demonstrate the Universal Cotton Standards. He will be gone about 30 days.

Members of the Machine Tabulation Section on annual leave in Virginia over the holiday were: Miss Mary Dove, who motored to Leesburg; Miss Marion Gray, who is spending several days in Richmond and Mrs. M. Dakis, who with her children made a brief visit to Quantico.

The Minneapolis Grain Office had their annual celebration on the evening of May 21 at the home of C. D. Sackett. The party was a farewell for Miss Sarah Pettengill who was leaving for Omaha and it gave an opportunity to welcome Miss R. Hedlund whose place Miss Pettengill will fill in Omaha. After a sumptuous repast, the evening was spent at cards, dancing and games.

Several members of Land Economics have been on leave recently. Miss Nettie Bradshaw and Mrs. Rose E. Perkins each motored with friends to Philadelphia last week. Miss Edith Dansereau is spending a few days at her home in Newark, N. J. Miss Lauretta Zeitler is visiting in Morristown, Pa.

The Portland warehouse office reports that Carl Nagel of the Washington office, who has been on a trip to the Northwest, has been in Portland recently. Mr. Nagel will go to California before returning East.

C.E. Eckles, Dairy Division, has returned from Minneapolis, Minn., where he went to inspect a large shipment of butter to be delivered to the Marine Corps.

We regret to learn that Russell L. Burrus lost his sister on May 25. Mr. Burrus is employed in the Boston Livestock, Meats and Wool office.

Miss M. A. Kelly, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, spent several days at Harpers Ferry last week.

Robert S. Trimble, Jr. of the Cold Storage Report Section is spending the week at Frederick, Md.

J. E. Barr and M. H. Hess, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, have returned from Michigan where they spent some time interviewing growers, shippers, jobbers and others relative to proposed minor changes in the tentative U. S. standards for beans. A special effort was made, with gratifying results, to bring about a clearer understanding on the part of those interested as to the object of the Federal Standards and the effect of their application. Mr. Barr also conferred with several large canners of beans in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

Charles Sperle, Crop and Livestock Estimates, has been transferred from Houston, Texas to Albany, New York.

The hay school at Kansas City opened on May 24 with ten students in attendance. Six of these are being trained for the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department, and after they have completed the course satisfactorily, will be stationed at various points in that State where they will be available for making Federal hay inspections. Three are employed under agreements with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the Dawson and Buffalo County Farm Bureaus of that State and will be stationed at shipping points in those counties. The tenth member of the class is the Chief Grain and Hay Inspector of the Memphis Merchants Exchange, who is being trained as an inspector for that market.

The scientific staff of Land Economics were hosts to the entire Division last Thursday when a luncheon was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Jonasson who are returning to Sweden and Bernard O. Weitz who sails June 2 for five months in Europe. The occasion was an appropriate time to celebrate also the move into new quarters. Dr. Olaf Jonasson who has been spending much of his time the past two years in research work in the Division of Land Economics, sailed from New York, May 30. He received his Doctor's degree at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and will be an assistant at the University of Stockholm and at the University of Commerce, Sweden.

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MR. WEITZ NOT MAKING
OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD.

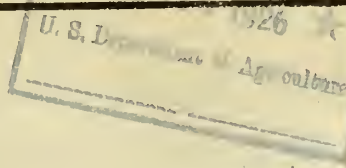
The item in last week's NEWS about Mr. Weitz's trip abroad gives the impression that it is an official trip. Since this is not the case it may be added that Mr. Weitz is taking the trip as a part of his vacation, during which time he will make studies to supplement his work pertaining to land economic problems.

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The champion fishing team of the Bureau, composed of M.R. Cooper, H.W. Hawthorne, B. Hunter, E.R. Johnson, L.A. Reynoldson and C.R. Swinson, all of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, opened the season at Benedict, Md., last Saturday. The day's catch totaled about seventy of the finny tribe weighing around 100 pounds. The day's outing was brought to a sudden close just as Byron Hunter, Secretary of the Organization was making his report.

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1. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU:

It is indeed with regret that we hear of the resignation of Mr. Cooper as Chief of this Bureau. Nine months ago, Mr. Cooper came to us, largely a stranger to most of us in the Bureau. During this time he has given himself unstintedly to the work with the result that his administration has been an outstanding success. He leaves the position to go back to Kentucky with the confidence and best wishes of a very large number of our people who have come to know him personally.

Secretary Jardine has asked me to assume the duties of the position as Acting Chief. The responsibilities of our Bureau are great. We have however a fine staff of capable men and women throughout the Bureau, and with your support and help, I can of course do nothing other than carry out the wishes of the Secretary. Until such time therefore as the Chief of the Bureau is appointed I ask for the same loyal support and cooperation that have been characteristic of the Bureau in the past.

With confidence and enthusiasm let us therefore go forward.

Lloyd S. Penny
Acting Chief.

2. OFFICIAL BEEF GRADES

ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT.

June 7, 1926.

When Secretary Jardine signed the order on June 3 officially establishing standards for beef grades, the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool accomplished a purpose toward which it has been working for the past several years.

Beef is divided into five classes: Steer beef, heifer beef, cow beef, bull beef and stag beef, with standards provided for seven grades of each class.

Tentative government grades for carcass beef were prepared in June 1923 and revised the following April. When public hearings were held in numerous cities throughout the country late last year, producers and all interested in the industry in any way were overwhelmingly in favor of the standardized grades as presented. The Bureau has used continuously the system of standard grades for dressed meats, of which the grades for carcass beef are a part, since 1917. They have been applied also to the grading of millions of pounds of meat for the United States Lines, other steamship lines and commercial concerns, as well as by the purchasing departments of numerous public institutions.

The order establishing these grades will become effective July 1, 1926.

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3. WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF INJURY
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MEDICAL BENEFIT.

With this issue of the B. A. E. NEWS is enclosed for the field a copy of P. B. A. Circular No. 35, instructing employees how to proceed to obtain medical or hospital treatment in case of injury in line of duty. All employees should be familiar with the proper steps to be taken so that the privilege allowed by the Compensation Commission may be procured. Copies of this circular have been distributed among the Washington offices.

4. SECRETARY JARDINE APPOINTS COMMITTEE
TO PREPARE A PUBLICATION ON MOHAIR.

The Secretary has appointed G. T. Willingmyre as chairman of a special committee made up of members of this Department and the Department of Commerce to prepare and publish a bulletin which will aid the industry toward producing better quality mohair and will help solve some of the marketing problems. A scarcity of material on the subject has caused this industry to be neglected. Mohair producers are now asking for aid in developing their interests.

Besides Mr. Willingmyre from this Bureau, two specialists from the Bureau of Animal Industry, one from the Forest Service, one from the Bureau of Standards and one from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Commerce Department will prepare this publication.

5. NEW FORM OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS.

On and after July 1, 1926 new forms for obtaining transportation will be used. The procedure to be followed differs materially from the present practice. Among other things a transportation identification card is necessary. The first lot of transportation requests issued to each traveler will be accompanied by instructions with which the traveler must familiarize himself. If instructions are not received with the first requests, an immediate application for a copy should be made upon the Section of Audits and Accounts.

The form in current use will be obsolete and will not be honored by transportation companies on and after July 1, 1926. Therefore, all requests of the old series unused on July 1 must be forwarded to the bureau office of Audits and Accounts as soon after that date as possible. This is important and a thorough search should be made in order that none will be overlooked as they must be checked and forwarded to the Treasury for cancellation.

6. INSTRUCTION FOR COTTON CLASSERS
IN SCHOOL AT ATLANTA.

The Cotton Division announces that a school for cotton classers will be held in Atlanta, Ga., on July 12, lasting ten days. This course of instruction is arranged and given by the American Cotton Growers' Exchange. George Butterworth, who has gone to Augusta, Ga. and Birmingham, Ala. to hold similar classes in instruction, will conduct the school at Atlanta.

7. PORTUSDA CLUB SEEKS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

An attractive booklet illustrated with kodak pictures and describing the Portusda Club Camp Site on Zig Zag Creek, Mt. Hood National Forest, has been received in this office.

With the energy and enthusiasm characteristic of the West, Department workers in Portland, Oregon organized this club three years ago to promote fellowship and a better understanding of the work. They hold monthly meetings to which visitors from the outside are welcome and they too learn something of the work of the Department. E. M. Bates of the Portland Grain Office is Secretary of the club this year while Robert L. Ringer, Fruits and Vegetables, who has always been one of the most able supporters of the organization is Chairman of the Camp Committee of the club. R. L. Baldwin, Grain Division, is also a member of that committee.

The booklet is forwarded to this Bureau by A. C. Rose, of the Bureau of Public Roads, who encloses a letter telling how Mr. Ringer, an engineer and builder, has been able to do much toward the development of the project. The club has acquired the lease for a choice camp site of three acres in the Mt. Hood National Forest about 50 miles up the Columbia River from Portland. A two-story club house has been erected with the necessary equipment to provide an entirely desirable camp. A roadway has been built, also a bridge and 1500 feet of water system. Funds amounting to \$659, available from memberships and dues of the 47 members provided the improvements. Owing to the choice location and the increasing demand for camp sites, this plot is claimed to have enhanced in value until it is worth \$2000 with every reason to expect it to be worth \$3500 in another year. They have invested a total of \$16 each and now they claim it is worth \$40 to each member.

But they want more members. They wish to develop the camp site further. The Portusda Club extends an invitation to the many Department workers in and around Portland, all of whom are eligible for membership, to visit the camp and consider joining with those who are provided with such delightful vacation facilities. Memberships for men are \$15 and for women, \$7.50 each, with annual dues of \$2.

8. MEETING OF NEW YORK FOOD MARKETING RESEARCH COUNCIL TO BE HELD.

In order that important problems of New York City produce terminals may be discussed, the members of the Food Marketing Research Council of that city invites attendance at their meeting to be held at the State Chamber of Commerce on June 14 and 15.

Mr. Tenney will act as honorary chairman at one of the sessions. Shippers, representatives of rail and steamship carriers, distributors and public agencies of various kinds have accepted invitations to be present, also commission merchants, members of the New York City Department of Docks and the Port of New York Authority.

9. CHANGED METHOD OF HANDLING ILLUSTRATIONS.

Illustrations in Manuscripts are to be handled along new lines, according to word received from the Division of Publications. Authors and clerks who prepare manuscripts are hereby asked to follow these new directions:

(1) Lower legends of all illustrations are to be typed in, approximately in place in the text of the manuscript. If this is impracticable for any reason, dummy sheets bearing the lower legends are to be inserted in the proper places in the manuscript. A lower legend, preceded by the figure number must represent each chart as well as each photograph.

(2) The lower legend of a chart must state the significant facts brought out in the chart, and not merely repeat the caption of the chart.

(3) The photographs and other illustrations of letter-sheet size should be grouped at the back of the manuscript each carrying its own legend as usual.

(4) The finished charts, usually submitted in a separate roll, should each have the typed legend preceded by the figure number pasted along the lower edge as usual. In addition, the title of the manuscript should be penciled on the back of each photograph and each chart. In the case of charts this manuscript title is preferred in the lower left hand corner of the back.

(5) All illustrations should be referred to in the running text of the author, otherwise they are likely to be considered as unnecessary.

10. WORLD WAR MEMORIAL FUND GROWS.

To date contributions amounting to \$87.55 have been received for the Memorial to the Armed Forces of the District of Columbia. Thirteen Divisions and Sections are represented in this sum, with Hay, Feed and Seeds giving \$25.50, and Fruits and Vegetables, \$15.95. A few Divisions are yet to be heard from and when they make a report the books for the Bureau will be closed and a final statement given.

11. MR. MELOY'S PLAN FOR GRADING
COTTON SEED COMPLIMENTED.

A plan for grading cotton seed as outlined by G. S. Meloy, Specialist in Cottonseed Products, at conventions of the American Oil Chemists' Society and the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association in New Orleans last month was highly commended. In inviting Mr. Meloy to attend a similar convention in Asheville, N. C., in July, the Secretary of the South Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers' Association writes as follows:

"...The question of buying cotton seed is not entirely new to our industry but the seeming difficulties of quickly determining the oil and meal content have appeared insurmountable until you present so simple a plan for the mechanics that we stand almost amazed. You would be rightly and justly proud if you were to hear the comments concerning the splendid and sound idea and plan you have advanced. You have quickly learned more about our business than we have absorbed in many years."

Mr. Meloy expects to go to Chattanooga, Tenn., June 14 and 15 to attend a joint meeting of the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association of Georgia and the Alabama Cotton Seed Crushers' Association when he will read a paper on the grading of cotton seed.

12. BIG INDUSTRY SEEKS
BENEFIT OF WAREHOUSE ACT.

The Administrative Council of the National Cannery Association was directed by the Association in its annual convention in Louisville, Kentucky, last winter to make a prompt investigation of the possibilities of improving the canned goods industry through the inclusion by the Secretary of Agriculture of canned goods under the United States warehouse Act.

Mr. F. E. Gorrell, Secretary of the Association, has written Secretary Jardine suggesting that he favorably consider the matter of a further extension of the warehouse Act.

13. DO CROP REPORTS MAKE MONEY?

Lionel L. Janes, Agricultural Statistician at New Orleans, received the following letter from a Louisiana farmer:

"Dear Mr. Janes:

I certainly do appreciate the crop reports.

After looking over the reports on Irish Potatoes August 1st, 1925 and seeing that the crops would be short I bought seed and made a nice profit on the second crop. My brother made a profit of \$700 on the strength of the report mentioned on second crop potatoes.

J.L.H."

14. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN MAY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during May:

Cox, A. B.: Cotton prices and markets. For Dept. Bul.

Cox, A. B.: Services in cotton marketing. For Dept. Bul.

Davis, W.C.: Methods and practices of retailing meat. For Dept. Bul.

Gardner, K. B.: Margins, expense and profits in the retailing of meat. For Dept. Bul.

Gardner, K. B. and Adams, L.A.: Consumer habits and preferences in purchase and consumption of meat. For Dept. Bul.

Kirkpatrick, E. L.: The farmer's standard of living. For Dept. Bul.

Service and Regulatory Announcements 76 (Rev.): Regulations for cotton warehouses.

Slater, D.J.: Market classes and grades of cattle. For Dept. Bul.

Statistics of hogs, pork and pork products. For Statistical Bul.

Swarthout, A.V.: Farmers cooperative business study: Staple Cotton Cooperative Association. For Dept. Bul.

Swinson, C. R.: Incomes from farming and cost of apple production in Shenandoah Valley, Frederick Co., Va. For Dept. Bul.

Washburn, R. S. and Scudder, H.D.: Cost of producing winter wheat and incomes from wheat farming, Sherman Co., Oregon. For Dept. Bul.

Washburn, R.S. and Scudder, H.D.: Cost of using horses, tractors and combines... Sherman Co., Oregon. For Dept. Bul.

Wilcox, R.H., Grimes, W.B., Evans, M. and Henney, H. J.: Factors in the cost of producing beef in the Flint Hills section of Kansas. For Dept. Bul.

Weitz, B.O.: Trend toward more effective use of land as shown by yield per acre of certain crops. For Dept. Bul.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Arner, G. B. L.: Southern hemisphere wheat situation. For Journal of Commerce.

Borja, L. J.: Geographic and economic survey of the Philippine copra and coconut industry. For Economic Geography.

Davis, R. W.: Containers for shipping grapes. For Barrels and Box.

Davis, W. C.: Wholesale and retail meat prices. For National Provisioner.

Hosterman, W.H.: Late cutting and improper curing lower the quality and price of hay. For Fertilizer Review.

James, D.L.: Cooperative marketing of eggs and poultry. For Wallaces' Farmer.

Sherman, C. B.: Lifting an industry into the light. For Trans-Mississippi Banker.

Sherman, C.B.: Farm family expenditures. For American Bankers Association Journal.

Smith, W.D.: Moisture in rice before and after milling. For Rice Journal and others.

Trout, C.E.: European Nations are growing more cotton. For Better Crops.

15. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 3 are:

Austin, B. and Lloyd, W. F. The secret of high wages... London, T. Fisher Unwin ltd. [1926]

Edie, L. D. Economics: principles and problems... New York, Thomas Y. Crowell company [1926]

Entrican, A. R. Butter-boxes and their design. Proposed metal-bound waste-eliminating types... Wellington, W.A.G. Skinner, government printer, [1925] (New Zealand. State forest service. Circular no. 15)

Gt. Brit. Food investigation board. The storage of eggs, by T. Moran and J. Piqué. London, H. M. Stationery off., 1926. (Special report no.26)

Gt. Brit. Ministry of agriculture and fisheries. Agricultural policy... London, H. M. Stationery off., 1926. ([Gt. Brit. Parliament. Papers by command] Cmd. 2581)

Joint conference of shippers' advisory boards. Statements of economic and transportation conditions. Conclusions of the Joint conference of Shippers' advisory boards, Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, January 7-8, 1926. [Chicago? 1926]

Powell, H. Clark. The organization of a great industry. The success of the California fruit-growers' exchange... Pretoria, The Government printing and stationery office, 1925. (Transvaal university college, Pretoria, T. U. C. bulletin no.6)

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Labeling foreign products. Hearing ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H. R. 10898 ... April 3, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Select committee on investigation of the Tariff commission. Investigation of the Tariff commission. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. pursuant to S. Res. 162... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. Pt. 1-2.

U. S. Tariff commission. Certain vegetable oils... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. Contents.- Pt. 1, Costs of production. Pt. 2, Economic study of the trade in and the prices and interchangeability of oils and fats ...

16. IN CONGRESS:

- H.R. 11765, by Mr. Gilbert to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco in the Department of Agriculture, was reported out of the House Committee with amendment, report No. 1367.
- H.R. 11422, by Mr. Vinson, to amend the act entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semi-monthly cotton-crop reports and providing for their publication simultaneously with the ginning reports of the Department of Commerce was reported out of the House Committee with amendment, report No. 1371.
- H.R. 6728, by Mr. Glynn, to regulate in the District of Columbia the traffic in, sale, and use of milk bottles, cans, crates and other containers of milk and cream to prevent fraud and deception, was reported without amendment by the Senate Committee, report No. 987.

New Bills:

- H.R. 12539, by Mr. Edwards, to establish an agricultural relief board to effect orderly marketing against surplus farm commodities and for the relief of agricultural industry.
- H.R. 12540, by Mr. Brand, of Georgia, providing for a farmers loan corporation, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 12594, by Mr. Berger, to establish a minimum wage for all civilian employees of the Federal government.

Correction of Error:

In the April 27 issue, H.R. 11253, by Mr. McKeown, to create a Federal farm committee, etc., was reported to have passed the House. This was in error as this bill was merely introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, no action as yet having been taken upon it.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

17. U.S. STANDARD GRADES FOR DEWBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES (1926) are now available in mimeograph form.
18. U.S. STANDARD GRADES FOR SWEET CHERRIES (1926) have been mimeographed and are available also.
19. ORDER ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL GRAIN STANDARDS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR BARLEY which shall become effective August 24, are described in a mimeographed summary showing grade requirements. This report takes up the matter of dockage on barley grown in the region west of the Great Plains, and defines class and subclass for the various kinds.

20. THE AGRICULTURAL SURVEY OF EUROPE, as covered in our Department Bulletin series now includes Germany. Department Bulletin 1399, by L. G. Michael, is an extensive publication which concludes with a brief section on the German market for American agricultural products.

21. UTAH ONION DEAL, Season of 1925, a summary by Walter Kingsbury, Fruit and Vegetable Division has been issued. This report gives a comprehensive survey of the onion industry in Utah, which is comparatively new in that state, and is illustrated with some unique and interesting charts showing shipments.

22. PEANUT MARKETING is described in detail, with illustrations and statistics, by H. J. Clay and P. M. Williams in Department Bulletin 1401 now off the press. This is one of the most exhaustive of the several commodity marketing bulletins issued by the bureau during the past few years. Footnote credit is given to other workers in the Bureau including Mrs. R. G. Tucker, Mrs. E. R. Estes and Miss Mary B. Hall for the tabulation of many of the figures used in the charts and tables.

23. GOVERNMENT RESEARCH IN RAW COTTON is the title of the feature article in the May 1, issue of Textile World by Horace H. Willis of the Cotton Division. This story describes the spinning tests made by the Bureau in cooperation with the Textile Department of Clemson College, South Carolina.

24. "THE SPICE MILL", a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the Coffee, Tea and Spice trade, has for a number of years contained a section devoted to peanuts. At the request of the editor of this magazine, a monthly review covering the domestic peanut situation is being prepared each month by H. J. Clay, of the Fruits and Vegetable Division, for inclusion in this peanut section.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Dr. Youngblood, Consulting Economist of the Bureau, did not return to Washington June 4, but at the suggestion of the Cotton Division, he will travel with A. M. Agelasto, of that Division, to the ten designated spot cotton markets. Mr. Agelasto left Monday to meet Dr. Youngblood in Memphis and together they will go to Little Rock, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, New Orleans, Montgomery, Savannah, Augusta and Norfolk. Mr. Agelasto will remain in Norfolk on annual leave while Dr. Youngblood will proceed to Washington about June 21.

W. F. Callendar, Crop and Livestock Estimates, returned last week from a two-months' trip through the states of the southwest, western and northwestern regions, where he conferred with Agricultural Colleges and State statisticians. The trip was made in the interest of cooperation with the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, toward making plans for the coming year. Mr. Callendar left at once for Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with this work, returning Saturday.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, has returned to his office after several months' absence, during which time he taught at Clark University, Worcester, Mass. the spring term.

V. N. Valgren of Agricultural Finance, is in New York City, Connecticut and Massachusetts this week to confer with insurance and bank officials regarding hail and general crop insurance.

Paul Froehlich, Editor of the Division Letter, of Fruits and Vegetables, is taking annual leave for two weeks.

W.C. Davis left Washington June 3 for Chicago and Champaign, Illinois. At Chicago Mr. Davis will confer with local representatives and members of the trade relative to the meat grading service. At Champaign Mr. Davis attended and addressed the Illinois State Association of Retail Meat Dealers. Upon his return to Washington, Mr. Davis will go to Boston, New York and Philadelphia to confer with local representatives and members of the trade relative to the meat grading service.

L.A. Reynoldson, Farm Management, left Washington Friday on a three-months' trip to the wheat section of the Great Plains to study the advantages of using the small combined harvester-thresher in that region.

Paul M. Williams of the Warehouse Division was in Baltimore last week to discuss with the Baltimore Canned Goods Exchange the advisability of storing canned commodities under the warehouse act. Mr. Williams intends to make a number of similar trips to the nearby canning communities in the next few weeks.

J.M. Borders of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has gone to the Middle West to study the methods of constructing poultry and egg packing plants. He expects to be engaged in this work for about six weeks, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, whose architect in rural engineering will accompany Mr. Borders.

F.G. Robb of the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service, returned Monday from an extended trip through the West. Mr. Robb attended a conference of western supervisors in Sacramento; conferred with Navy inspectors in San Diego, San Pedro, San Francisco and Vallejo; visited shipping point deals in California; held conferences with shippers and State officials and interviewed receiving point inspectors. In discussing the attitude of producers concerning the spray for codling moth, Mr. Robb states the growers and shippers are eager to cooperate with the Department in every effort to prevent the recurrence of difficulties from spray residues experienced in the last apple marketing season.

C.L. Luedtke, of the Foreign Section, is among those who graduate today from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, with the degree of B.F.S. (Bachelor of Foreign Service). Mr. Luedtke has specialized in commercial policies, tariffs and international finance besides passing the foreign language requirements of the Oral Board in Spanish, French and German.

Miss Maud Witham, of the Extension Service cooperating with this Bureau in Farm Demonstration studies was on leave in New York City last week.

It has just been learned that W.G. Lensen of the Fruit and Vegetable staff was married several months ago to Miss Kathryn Seeburger, of Riga, Mich. Our best wishes to them!

Wayne C. Nason, Farm Population and Rural Life, who has been on a trip through the southern States for several weeks, returned today. He made a study of the rural libraries and the methods employed to supply country people with reading material. County librarians have numerous substations throughout the country districts in schools, in homes and in community houses which are accessible to the residents. Once a month she visits these substations to change the books for new ones.

Horace H. Willis, who is conducting the cotton spinning tests at Clemson College, S. C., was in the Washington office last week.

Mrs. Anna P. Neel, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, took annual leave last week and had as her guest, Miss Frances Mullen, a brilliant young pianist of Redlands, Calif. J.C. Gilbert, of the Radio Market News Service, arranged for her to play from Station WCAP on Monday evening. Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief, Bureau of Home Economics, and classmate of Miss Mullen's mother, entertained at tea for her on Wednesday, inviting a few members of this Bureau. Although only eighteen years old, Miss Mullen's compositions are often played in southern California and she has gone abroad to study for two years.

C. E. Trout, Division of Information, Editor of Marketing Activities is taking a vacation in Atlanta, Ga., this week.

James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool, who has been on a field trip through the West for several weeks has been asked to attend and address a meeting of the Harding County Stock Growers to be held at Buffalo, S. Dak., June 11. This is an important cattle production center with a large marketing problem and these people are eager to have their interests discussed.

B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the New York Livestock, Meats and Wool office, has been invited by the State Association of United Master Butchers of America to attend their annual convention at Syracuse, June 14-16. He will address the meeting on the "Government and the Retailer".

R. D. Jennings, Division of Farm Management, who has been making a study of livestock methods on farms of the Coastal Plains region, has been called to Illinois to confer with officials of the Illinois State College of Agriculture relative to cooperative studies of livestock production in the Corn Belt States. Mr. Jennings will probably come to Washington before returning to his assignment in the South.

The Minneapolis Grain Supervision Office was very much favored with visitors recently. J. T. Warner of Chicago was a visitor for two days in connection with his work. W. P. Carroll was also there for two days after an extended visit to the Duluth office. Harry Milliman, grain sampler at Chicago, called while on annual leave and J. H. Shollenberger, Milling Investigations, Washington was there for a week while carrying on some special investigations in his work. W. H. Shea of the Duluth office was a caller June 1st, and W. H. Holliday of the Warehouse Division, Wichita, Kansas, visited that office while enroute to Grand Forks, N. D., in connection with his work.

Stephen Bray, who has been assisting in reporting the livestock market in St. Louis, will come to Washington next week for conference, preparatory to going to Pittsburgh to take charge of the new office there. Pittsburgh is one of the six offices recently established by the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division.

Mrs. Grace Flagg, of the Division of Land Economics, returned to the office Monday after an absence of over two weeks on account of sickness.

R. L. Kause of the Cotton Division, has gone to Raleigh, to demonstrate the Universal Cotton Standards before students of the North Carolina State College.

K. B. Seeds, Hay, Feed and Seeds Division, has gone on a short trip to Auburn, N.Y., in connection with inspection of Army purchases of hay. Later he will go to New Haven and other points in the State of Connecticut to confer with officials of the State Department in regard to feed tests conducted in the State. Mr. Seeds will stop at the branch offices in New York City and Philadelphia on his return to Washington.

Livestock, Meats and Wool Division have the following changes of assignment to report: J. B. Walker, Junior Wool Marketing Specialist, reported for duty at Boston, June 1, to fill the position vacated by R. L. Burrus who has been designated in charge of the wool market reporting service to take the place of W. E. Doble, resigned. Warren Smeby, Market Reporter, has been appointed at Sioux City, Iowa. Carl C. Green, Assistant Marketing Specialist, reported for duty at Chicago, June 1, to take the place of a member of the staff there who will go later to assume charge of one of the new offices recently established. Miss Rosa Keys, Clerk in the Los Angeles office since August, 1924, is resigning effective June 11.

G. A. DeHaven, Kansas City Fruit and Vegetable Office, is taking sick leave on account of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allewelt are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son "Billy", at their home in Sacramento, Calif.

A. H. Polster of the New York City Fruit and Vegetable office was called home last week because of the serious illness of his father. We understand Mr. Polster has returned to his work.

Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Products, left Sunday for New York City to take up with transportation agencies the matter of reporting live poultry receipts. He will meet and work with J. G. Cross in this connection for a few days and then take annual leave, going to Cornell University for the alumnae meeting. Mr. Slocum plans to be absent about two weeks.

Miss Lucy R. Hartley, who has been in the Chicago Grain office since 1921 is being transferred to Buffalo, N.Y., effective June 1.

W. H. Steinbauer, in charge of the Newark, N. J. office of Fruits and Vegetables has been ordered to his home in Michigan for a complete rest of several weeks.

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NEW YORK FOOD COUNCIL HOLDS TERMINAL MEETING.

A full program and many interesting speakers were featured for the meeting held by the New York Food Marketing Research Council Monday and Tuesday, to discuss the Fruit and Vegetable Terminal Requirements for the New York District.

Mr. Dunlap, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Tenny went to New York to attend and take part in the sessions. The following topics were on the program: "Terminal Facilities for Transcontinental Fruit and Vegetable Traffic" with Frank C. Ferguson, Port of New York Authority, Honorary Chairman. Those joining in the discussion were Wilson D. Bennett, California Fruit Growers' Exchange; H. L. Huber, American Fruit Growers; J. J. Mantell, Erie Railroad; and Victor K. McElheny, of the New York Wholesale Receivers. "Physical Requirements for Handling Southern Fruit and Vegetable Traffic in the New York Area" was handled with Bernard M. Patten, Department of Public Markets, New York City, as Honorary Chairman. Errol M. Zorn, Florida Citrus Exchange; Frank P. Luna, Chase and Company; R. K. Rochester, and F. X. Quinn, Pennsylvania Railroad; A. W. Frost, National League of Commission Merchants; and B. T. Smith, Clyde Steamship Company. "Facilities Needed for New York State Fruit and Vegetable Traffic", with Berne A. Pyrke, New York State Department of Farms and Markets, as Honorary Chairman. In the discussion were Dr. C. E. Ladd, Cornell University; Herschel H. Jones, of the Hudson Valley Shippers; F. M. Melius, New York Central Railroad; P. Willis Holden, representing wholesale receivers; and Morris Fetchesky, representing buyers. Mr. Tenny was honorary Chairman when "Produce Terminals from the Viewpoint of the City Department of Docks" was discussed by John McKenzie, of the Department of Docks, and "Building a Produce Terminal on Solid Facts" by W. P. Heddin, of the Port of New York Authority. Plans for new projects were discussed and referred to committees of the member organizations for further consideration.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBITS COMPLETED AND STARTED TO PHILADELPHIA.

The Exposition Committee states that the Bureau's part of the Department Exhibit has been finished and is now on the way to Philadelphia. The entire lot consisted of 95 parcels made up of 103 oil paintings such as were displayed in the Conference Room two weeks ago, 34 maps, 44 charts and 33 exhibit panels which will be used to hold the material prepared. Then there are two transparency cases, 8 feet high: One for livestock and meats holding 75 pictures, the other for eggs, holding 26 pictures, or charts.

When the oil paintings were exhibited in the Conference Room Miss Reba Craven, Statistical and Historical Research, in looking over the pictures, was very much thrilled to see one of her home town church back in Indiana. It was a part of the contribution from Dr. Galpin's section, and no doubt everybody from Ninevah, Indiana, who goes to the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia will be interested to learn that their community is represented.

HAY, FEED AND SEED DIVISION CALLS TWO
IMPORTANT CONFERENCES AT CHICAGO.

A conference of market news men of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division will be held in the branch office of the Division at Chicago June 23 and 24. W.A. Wheeler, G.C. Edler, G.A. Collier and H.S. Irwin will attend from Washington; W.R. Kuehn, from Minneapolis; B.H. Henley, from Kansas City and H.H. Whiteside and F.J. Gardner, from Chicago. This conference is for the express purpose of getting all the men together on the recent development and extensions in the work of the grain market news service and familiarizing the new men at Chicago and Kansas City with the work in all its branches.

Mr. Wheeler will be in Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the seed trade associations and will join in the conference on the 24th. Mr. Edler who left Washington on June 7 will visit the Kentucky bluegrass seed producing areas of Kentucky and Missouri and will spend a few days in the field headquarters at Kansas City before attending the conference. Mr. Collier will go about June 17, to Kansas City to confer with Mr. Henley who has recently been assigned to the market news service work of the Division at that market. He will then proceed to Chicago where he will spend some time with Mr. Gardner who also has been recently appointed and who reported June 14 at Chicago. Mr. Irwin will leave Washington June 22 for Chicago, and after the conference will proceed to Madison, Wisconsin, where he will take courses in agricultural journalism and agricultural economics during the summer session.

Invitations have been sent to representatives of the State seed certifying agencies, Agricultural Colleges and State Departments of Agriculture concerned with seed certification work and representatives of the two National seed trade associations to meet with representatives of the Bureau in conference at Chicago June 25 and 26, to consider the business aspects of seed certification and the methods of marketing certified seed. Messrs. Tenny, Wheeler and Edler will represent the Bureau in this conference. In February of this year an article appeared in one of the leading seed periodicals under the title, "Times are Changing in the Field Seed Business of Today", indicating that something appeared to be radically wrong with the present system of marketing seeds. Since then a number of extensive comments have been published regarding that article, all of which tend to show that some thought is being given to the subject. The two National seed trade associations, the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealers' Association and the American Seed Trade Association have been asked to designate committees to represent their respective associations and each of the States vitally concerned with seed certification work has been asked to send a representative to the conference.

EXAMINATION FOR TELEGRAPH OPERATOR ANNOUNCED.

Vacancies in Washington and in the field require the Civil Service Commission to arrange for an open competitive examination (unassembled) for the position of telegraph operator. Applications will be rated as received until December 30, 1926, but if sufficient eligibles are obtained, the date for receipt of applications may be closed before that time. Applicants must have had at least two years' experience as operators on a commercial wire, with a first-class rating. They must be able to transmit plain and cipher messages at the rate of at least 35 words per minute and to receive upon a typewriter. Applicants should apply at once to the Civil Service Commission for the announcement of this examination.

WHAT USE DO YOUMAKE OF THIS PRIVILEGE?

The Director of Personnel and Business Administration for the Department has made the following announcement:

"An analysis made recently of the sick leave records of the entire Department shows that thirty-nine employees of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington have taken more than fifteen days sick leave for four years of the five-year period which ended December 31, 1926."

In discussing the question of sick leave with a number of our employees, the Employment Manager of the Bureau has been impressed by the fact that there is not a clear understanding of the sick leave privilege. Sick leave is granted in order that employees who are actually sick and unable to report for duty may be absent and not suffer a loss of pay because of such absence, or have it charged against their annual leave. It is not intended to supplement the annual leave or to be used by employees in the case of indisposition.

Any employee may find it necessary at some time to be forced to be absent for extended periods because of long illnesses and occasionally for short periods on account of sickness. Absences of this character, it is felt, do not reflect on an employee's efficiency. However, when an employee's health is such year in and year out that he cannot be depended upon to report regularly for work, this unreliability necessarily must reflect on his efficiency.

It is urged that all division and section leaders see that their employees understand the principle involved in granting sick leave; that it is not a legal right of any employee but a privilege. While there is very little abuse of the privilege in this Bureau, it is hoped that all employees will give careful thought to this question of sick leave and take advantage of the privilege only when it is really necessary.

WE ARE FARMERS BY A
BIG MAJORITY!

"I WILL GIVE \$5 PER HEAD FOR EVERY ONE OF YOU FELLOWS WHO EVER SAW A FARM" was written on a questionnaire returned to the Division of Land Economics some time ago.

Just to prove that the majority of our people are farmers in the true sense of the word, a brief survey was made. Among 18 Divisions or Sections, here in Washington, there are 229 technical employees. Of these, 28, or 12%, own or operate farms at the present time; an additional 129, or 56%, have owned or operated farms in the past; while only 72, or 32% have never owned nor operated a farm. This does not include those who were raised on farms, unless they actually managed or worked the farm as an industry or source of income. So at least 68% of our technical force, or those drafting most of the questionnaires sent out by the Bureau have practical farm experience and many others were born on a farm. A total of 157 "fellows" at \$5 per head would cost just \$785 for an idle boast!

OREGON BANKERS AND TEXAS CONCERN
FAVOR WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

The Oregon Bankers' Association has passed resolutions favoring the recognition by bankers of warehouse receipts issued under the provisions of the Warehouse Act. They believe that by operating under this law the collateral value of their receipts will be improved and agriculture aided. They further urge warehousemen to operate their houses under authority of the U. S. Warehouse Act and the regulations thereunder.

The Fort Worth Clearing House Association has passed resolutions endorsing the principles and purposes of the United State Warehouse Act, expressing itself as favoring the operation of warehouses and elevators under this law. They also urge upon warehousemen in Texas to operate their warehouses under this statute.

IN CONGRESS:

- H. R. 7889, by Mr. Begg, authorizing a subsistence allowance for government employees of not more than \$7.00 a day in the United States or \$8.00 when traveling in foreign countries, and providing that a per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence may be fixed at \$6.00 for domestic travel and \$7.00 for foreign travel, was signed by the President June 3.
- H.R.11768, by Mr. Taber, a bill to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health, was reported with amendment by the House Committee, report No. 1431.
- H.R. 9096, by Mr. Brand of Ohio, to establish standard weights for loaves of bread, to prevent deception, contamination, and for other purposes, was reported out of the House Committee with amendment, report No. 1411.
- H.R. 9971, by Mr. White, for the purpose of regulating radio communication, and for other purposes, was discussed in the Senate and an amendment was offered by Senator Dill.
- S. 949, by Senator Harris, a bill fixing the rate of postage at one-half regular rate on farm products mailed directly from farm for delivery by rural routes, passed the Senate on June 9 and was referred to the House Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

New Bills:

- S. 4387, by Senator Capper, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921.

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BUREAU BREVITIES.

FACTORS INFLUENCING THE EFFECTIVE LOCATION AND FUNCTIONING OF RURAL GROUPS is a study which will be made during the next fiscal year between the State College of Washington and the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life. The objectives of this project are to discover and analyze the groupings of rural people in relation to topography, geography, lines and channels of transportation and communication, and economic and social services. Prof. Fred R. Yoder will be in charge of the study for the College.

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1925, the annual report issued by A.E. Anderson of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, is ready for distribution. This is the most complete report issued to date, containing in addition to detailed county information on crops and livestock, historical records of these industries. An attempt is made to compile all the leading statistics pertaining to Nebraska agriculture. It is illustrated with views of agricultural activities, contains 174 pages and is printed on enamel paper. This attractive report may be had by addressing A.E. Anderson, 1114 State House, Lincoln, Nebr.

SMUTTY WHEAT IN COMMERCE is the title of an article by E.G. Boerner, Grain Investigations, which appeared in the May issue (Smut Control Number) of the "Extension Pathologist", published jointly by the Extension Service and the Bureau of Plant Industry. R. H. Black, of the Minneapolis Grain Standardization office was another contributor to the same issue with "Campaign for the Prevention of Grain Smuts Conducted by the Northwest Grain Smut Prevention Committee".

FACTORS AFFECTING PRICES, A Selected Bibliography, Including some References on the Theory and Practice of Price Analysis, has been compiled by Miss Louise O. Bercaw, under the direction of Miss Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau. This Bibliography No. 14, is ready for distribution.

THE COMMERCIAL FRESH PEACH INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES, a preliminary report by J. W. Park and Carl R. Swinson has been mimeographed and is ready for distribution. This is the first of a series on the commercial fresh peach industry. As used in this report, the commercial fresh peach crop is that part of the crop grown for market which is not canned or dried. The Divisions of Farm Management and Costs, Fruits and Vegetables, and Crop and Livestock Estimates will issue these reports.

OFFICIAL LETTERS AND FILE COPIESNOT TO BE MAILED TO FIELD.

From time to time, the divisions have mailed to points in the field, originals of official letters and also the visced central file copies of correspondence.

While it is realized that there may be isolated cases when such action may be warranted, it is not good practice, because of the possibility of loss in the mails or the likelihood of their not being returned to the central files. The information requested may be furnished through the medium of extra copies, abstracts, or letters of explanation.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny went to New York to attend the sessions of the Food Marketing Research Council on Monday and Tuesday. He will return to Washington before going to Roanoke, Va., Saturday, to address the Bankers' Association of that State at their thirty-third annual convention.

President Borno, of Haiti, accompanied by the Haitian Minister, Mr. Hannibal Price and three military aides, called at the Chief's office today (Tuesday).

William I. Holt, the London representative of the Bureau in Preparation and Distribution of Official Cotton Standards, has been in Havre, France for the past few weeks, in connection with his work.

Dr. B. Youngblood returned to Washington this week and with A. W. Palmer will go to New York, Boston, Providence and Concord in connection with the work of the Cotton Division. They will return Saturday.

H. W. Samson of the Grades and Standardization work of the Fruit and Vegetable Division left Sunday for Chicago and Pittsburgh to observe shipments arriving from the West and the Northwest which were prepared under the U. S. grades as recommended by him on his recent trip to these sections. Mr. Samson will confer with branch office workers in these cities, also.

Chris L. Christensen, in charge, and C. G. Randell, of Agricultural Cooperation, go the last of the week to be present at the opening of the Second Summer Session of the American Institute of Cooperation, next Monday at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Christensen will address the Institute the opening day and he will also speak at a later date. The first week is given over to study of the cooperative marketing of livestock and Mr. Randell will take part in several special conferences in this connection. R. C. Potts, in charge, Dairy and Poultry Products, will attend the poultry and egg marketing conference to be held in conjunction with the Institute, July 7 to 9. Mr. Potts will talk on standards and standardization of poultry and egg cooperative marketing.

H. S. Yohe of the Division of Warehousing, who has been on a trip to the southern and western States since May addressed the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers' Association at their sixth annual convention, in Spokane on June 12. Mr. Yohe spoke on the "Federal Warehouse Act". He will probably return next Monday.

H.J.Besley in charge of Grain Supervision and E.J.Murphy, also of the Grain Division, went to Chicago last week to attend conferences with the staff of General Field Headquarters relative to the interpretation of the Federal wheat standards. Representatives of the Administration of the Grain Futures Act attended one of these conferences also. Division supervisors are in conference in Chicago this week, with another meeting scheduled for June 17 with district supervisors and heads of inspection departments of the principal central West markets. Mr. Besley is authorized to travel to Minneapolis, Omaha, Duluth, Kansas City, and St. Louis before returning to Washington, to confer with field officials relative to the proposed cooperative work pertaining to the Food and Drug Act in its relation to the enforcement of the U. S. Grain Standards Act.

John F. Booth of New York has been appointed Agricultural Economist in the Division of Agricultural Cooperation to conduct research work in the marketing of grain through producers' cooperative organizations. This will involve making detailed analyses and comprehensive economic studies of the history, progress and present status of cooperative grain marketing in the United States and Canada and preparing the findings for publication. He will report for duty June 16.

Mr. Booth is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan with a B. S. degree and has just completed three years' postgraduate work in agricultural economics at Cornell University, being a candidate for Ph. D. degree June, 1926. Among his experiences in investigational and educational work Mr. Booth served for more than two and one-half years as Commissioner of Markets, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture where he was engaged in research and educational work in producers' cooperative associations dealing largely with grain marketing. He also served as Field Agent with the United States Tariff Commission in 1924 in connection with the investigation into the cost of producing wheat in the United States and Canada.

Dr. G.B.L. Arner of the Foreign Trade Section of Statistical and Historical Research, will go to the Illinois College of Agriculture, at Urbana, Ill., to address a short course in grain elevator management on Friday. Dr. Arner will talk on "Foreign Demand for American Grain and Grain Products".

William E. Lewis, Fruits and Vegetables, has gone to Philadelphia and New York to observe the grades for green corn under which this commodity is being shipped to these markets. This is the first season green corn has been marketed under U. S. grades, which were established April 23, and Mr. Lewis will note the reaction of the trade. Most of the green corn is arriving from Texas at this time.

We congratulate Miss Anna L. Ericson, Agricultural Cooperation, who received her B. A. degree at George Washington University last week and won the Thomas F. Walsh cash prize for high standard of scholarship in history and best essay on designated period of history of England. Miss Ericson has recently returned to the Bureau.

John J. Haggerty of the New Orleans Cotton office has gone to several of the spot cotton markets to observe prices and market conditions. He will go to Houston, Oklahoma City, Little Rock and Atlanta before returning to his headquarters.

Two former members of the Fruit and Vegetable Staff were reinstated effective June 1. Robert G. Hill, Marketing Specialist, who for the past five years has been in the Bureau of Plant Industry, has been assigned to Grades and Standards to do research work in these fields, including methods of sale and financing of crops from shipping areas. Frank M. Lyle formerly a member of the Inspection project but recently Associate Professor of Horticulture at Texas A. & M. College, has been placed in charge of the New Orleans F. & V. office.

Robert C. Mill, of the Nashville, Tenn., Grain office leaves Friday for a vacation in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Mill will be there until July 7.

In order to consolidate the Market News work in Atlanta and to relieve the Livestock representative for assignment elsewhere, the Livestock and Meats Market News work and the Live Stock clerk were transferred to the Fruit and Vegetable office on the first of this month. The Market News work on Livestock and Meats at that point has been reduced to the minimum and will be handled in connection with the work on Fruits and Vegetables. The messenger boy has been released to the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. At the termination of the Inspection training class in Chicago, H. F. Willsco, formerly of Philadelphia, will be permanently assigned to the Atlanta office, where he will report the market and assist in the general office work. In addition, he will also be available to assist on Inspection work during rush periods.

J. E. Barr, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, was in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J. last week in the interest of the U. S. standards for beans.

John W. Coleman was appointed Junior Marketing Specialist June 7. Effective June 16 his appointment is being changed to a cooperative one with the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mr. Coleman received his B. S. degree from West Virginia University in 1923 and since graduation has been engaged in farm work of various kinds and as a Shipping Point Inspector in West Virginia and southern States. Mr. Coleman reported for duty at Philadelphia, where he will take up his new duties.

For a time, when it promised to become a custom and no longer a fad, it seemed advisable to omit announcements of the most recent bobbed heads. But so many conservative parties, after serious deliberation, have appeared with bobbed hair that it may be of interest to learn who they are: Miss Marietta Thomas, of Information; Misses Mary A. Kelly and Florence Lee, Livestock, Meats and Wool; Mrs. May G. Bland, Agricultural Cooperation and Mrs. Jane Vedder, Fruits and Vegetables.

Leased wire service of the Fruits and Vegetable Division to Jacksonville, Fla., will be terminated on June 30.

Reuben E. Corbin has been appointed Junior Marketing Specialist, effective June 21. Mr. Corbin will graduate this month in Agriculture from the State College of New Mexico. Previous to beginning his college work in 1923, Mr. Corbin had taught in the public schools of Kansas, worked in a logging camp in Washington, served as play-ground director in New York State, traveled in South America, served in the Army during the World War period, and after the war was a homesteader in Colorado. He will report for duty at Chicago where he will assist in the Market News work.

Mrs. M. C. Pippett and Miss M. A. Kelly of Livestock, Meats and Wool, are leaving the last of the week for Chicago, where they will take a week's vacation and attend the Eucharistic Congress which will be held there June 20 to 24.

Miss Helen E. Freer of the Minneapolis Grain office has returned to duty after having her tonsils removed.

W. J. Kuhrt, Cooperative Marketing, visited the Minneapolis Grain office while in that city recently.

Mrs. George McLeod, Machine Tabulation Section, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mildred, to Clarence E. Rohr on Wednesday, June 16. A shower given Miss McLeod was attended by a large number of the above section.

Palmer A. Etheridge Jr., of Personnel, has returned from a three-weeks' vacation spent at Montgomery, Ala., and at his home in Tallahassee, Fla.

Prof. Jesse T. Sanders of the Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, has been appointed on a 30-day assignment to procure and analyze data on agricultural credit problems in connection with a cooperative agreement between that college and the Division of Agricultural Finance. The object of this study is to learn more of the produce credit situation and the relation of produce credit to marketing and cooperative marketing.

Miss Edna M. Jordan of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, and her sister, Miss Mable Jordan of the Dairy and Poultry Products Division have just returned from a two-weeks' vacation spent in New England. They made the trip to Boston by boat.

W.K. Marshall of the Grain Division leaves the last of the week to go to mills in Maryland and Pennsylvania to ascertain the types of flour best adapted to the manufacture of certain bakery products.

Dan W. Foley writes from Chili, where he is with the Tacna-Arica Plebiscitary Commission, that the climate is fine, but the political situation, very unsettled.

Mrs. Elsie G. Sollers, of the Photographic Section is wearing a big diamond ring, - the gift of Mr. Arnold Romaro.

Miss Mary W. Cannon, Personnel, graduated from the Washington College of Law last Wednesday. In compliment to the occasion her co-workers served a luncheon, when they presented her with a lovely bunch of roses and a pair of brass book ends with W. A. deVaughan making the presentation speech. We add our good wishes for her brilliant future.

William Broxton, of the Section of Periodic Reports, is in Massachusetts and Connecticut this week to confer with cold storage and packing house managers.

M.L. Wilson, of Farm Management and Costs is in the States of the Middle West and will not return to Washington until the middle of July.

Robert L. Edwards of Ohio has been appointed to the Division of Warehousing as Assistant Warehouse Examiner. For the past ten years he has been employed by the Indianapolis Board of Trade, the Toledo Produce Exchange, and the Cincinnati Grain and Hay Exchange, respectively. Mr. Edwards will report in Washington on Thursday for conference. Later he will go to Indianapolis, his headquarters, and will travel in the Middle States to interview farmers, bankers, warehousemen and others interested in the Warehouse act.

Edward S. Cummings and John T. Wigington, of the Cotton Testing Station at Clemson College, S. C., will attend the Textile Show, held at Aberdeen, S. C., under the direction of the Southern Textile Association, on June 18.

THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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1. FEDERAL WOOL GRADES ESTABLISHED BY SECRETARY'S ORDER

Secretary Jardine signed the order on June 18 establishing standards for grades of wool and wool top, to become effective July 1.

These grades, twelve in number, have been developed to supercede the seven grades established in 1923 and will provide for a more minute classification of wool. The need for the additional number of grades has been emphasized since establishing the seven grades. The trade has urged this point at all times while members of the British trade have cooperated to bring about uniform standards of wool. It will be recalled that the official wool standards of seven grades were developed to provide a means for grading wool in the fleece. The twelve new grades now provide for the division of the fleece into the qualities found within it. The new official standards, as well as the old, are based on diameter of fiber.

At the recent public hearing held in Washington criticism was invited with suggestions for improvement, but only favorable comment was heard, and the motion carried unanimously that the proposed grades be adopted.

2. MR. STEERE BEING TRANSFERRED TO BERLIN; MR. SCHOENFELD RETURNING TO WASHINGTON.

Several important changes in the foreign work, of interest to the Bureau, are announced by the administrative office. Lloyd V. Steere, who for the past three years has been on the staff of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, sails with his family on June 29th to be connected with the Berlin office. During his service in the Bureau Mr. Steere has spent his time in developing the work of the Foreign Service, particularly with respect to the dissemination of foreign information in the United States. During the past year his chief project has been the development of a special commodity news service covering market conditions in foreign countries for American agricultural products. Previously he was engaged in the work of publishing "Foreign Crops and Markets".

G. C. Haas, who is now at Vienna, will be transferred to Berlin where he will be in charge of the office. Mr. Haas and Mr. Steere will handle the combined work of the territory of the Berlin office and of the old Vienna office, thus consolidating the Bureau's contacts in continental Europe at one place.

William A. Schoenfeld, who has been in charge of the Berlin office, since November, 1924, and Miss Elna Anderson, his assistant, will be transferred from Berlin to Washington during the next two months.

3. PROGRAM FOR CHICAGO SEED MARKETING CONFERENCE

Mr. Tenny will be Chairman, and W. A. Wheeler, Secretary of the Seed Marketing Conference to be held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, Friday and Saturday, and which will be attended by representatives of State seed certifying agencies, Agricultural Colleges and members of the trade.

The purpose and plan of the conference will be set forth by Mr. Tenny in the opening address; Mr. Wheeler will tell of Seed Certification and its Relation to Marketing; Mr. Edler who will come from the Bluegrass Regions of Kentucky and Missouri to attend the conference, will discuss Studies of Stock Records used by Seedsmen. Others taking part, according to the tentative program, will tell of the seed requirements of the modern farmer; adjustment of the seed trade to modern requirements; marketing certified seed in Canada and the United States; and marketing certified seed in the various States, by representatives of those States.

Committees are to be appointed to consider certification, marketing, cooperation, legislation, education and extension of the seed industry, and recommendations will be made for the expansion of the service.

4. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD INAUGURATES MEAT GRADING SERVICE IN NEW YORK

Arrangements have been made to have the meat grading service of the Bureau extended to include purchases for dining cars and restaurants of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Such service for the present will be confined to New York City, but will be established in other important centers as fast as the Bureau is able to handle it.

Officials of the company are of the opinion that several hotels, including Hotel Pennsylvania and the Statler System, in which their company is interested, will request this service soon.

5. LIVESTOCK MARKETING BEING STUDIED BY AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION.

The Division of Agricultural Cooperation is making a study of cooperative livestock marketing associations, which includes the organization, operating methods and problems of the local shipping associations as well as the terminal cooperative commission firms at the central markets. Information is gathered by means of questionnaires which have been sent to managers of local cooperative livestock associations and to boards of directors of the terminal cooperative livestock commission firms. This is supplemented with a detailed analysis and study of the business set-up and records of the larger associations. To date, over 600 shipping associations and many of the directors of the cooperative sales agencies have returned their schedules and furnished some excellent information.

The various livestock marketing groups are very much interested in this work, as evidenced by their inquiry and response. This interest is shared by the farm press. Many of the leading papers carry statements of this project and urge the livestock marketing groups to contribute their records and experience to this study.

6. RETIREMENT REFUNDS TO BE HANDLED
THROUGH AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

Application for refund or for payment of accumulated deductions heretofore handled through the Personnel Section will be handled through Mr. Quinn's office after July 1, according to P. B. A. Circular No. 36 issued by the Director of Personnel and Business Administration under date of June 17.

At the present time "Master Cards" containing complete individual records of salary payments and all other information contributing to the retirement status of the employees are kept at the Disbursing Office of the Department. These cards are to be transferred to our Personnel Section. When an employee is separated from the Bureau by transfer within or without the Department, or if by death, resignation or otherwise it becomes necessary to apply for refund, blanks for this purpose may be secured from the Personnel Section, the first page filled out and sworn to and forwarded to Mr. Quinn, Audits and Accounts, who will handle the matter further.

7. ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR
OPENING NEW LIVESTOCK OFFICES

The personnel has been selected and preliminary plans made for new service in the six new livestock offices. E. W. Baker left Sunday to supervise the work incidental to opening, going first to Pittsburgh and St. Joseph, which offices will be in operation by July 1. The other branches will be opened as rapidly as possible. Stephen Bray, who came from St. Louis to Washington for conference, left with Mr. Baker to assume charge of the Pittsburgh service. J. D. Dale, formerly of Chicago, will be in charge of the St. Joseph work. J. L. Mozley, Jr. of Atlanta has been assigned to Indianapolis. B.P. Bowman, will go from Ft. Worth to Cincinnati. A.P. Austin, of Wichita, will be transferred to Cleveland. Theodore T. Swenson, formerly of the Denver office is being reinstated and will have charge of the Buffalo work, which will not be in operation before August.

E. H. Richardson, is being transferred from the Kansas City office of B.A.I. to fill the vacancy in Wichita.

8. CIVIL SERVICE TO HOLD EXAMINATION FOR
ASSISTANT MARKETING SPECIALIST (F. & V.)

This examination as announced for Fruits and Vegetables, will be held for positions in Washington and in the field at an entrance salary of \$2,400. Competitors will be rated on practical questions relative to the handling, marketing and distribution of fruits and vegetables; a thesis of 2,000 to 3,000 words prepared prior to the examination; and education-experience requirements of standard high school training also graduation from a college or university of recognized standing. For each year of education lacking, experience may be substituted.

Applicants should write the Civil Service Commission at once for Form 2118, giving title of examination, in order that they may be on file at Washington not later than July 10. Announcement of this examination may be had from the usual authorized places. The date of the examination will be announced when form is mailed applicant.

9. HAY SCHOOL AT KANSAS CITY
COMPLETES SESSION.

A successful hay school was concluded at the Kansas City laboratory of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division on June 12. Six of the men who attended the school will be licensed as Federal hay inspectors in cooperation with the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department. Five of these men will be stationed at important hay shipping points in Kansas and one at Wichita. Two men will be licensed in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and will be stationed in the alfalfa producing territory in Dawson and Buffalo Counties, Nebraska. In addition to these men, an inspector was also trained for Memphis, Tenn.

10. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S FOOD BEING INSPECTED.

About two weeks ago, the Washington office began making inspections for the Navy, this work being handled by Herbert Graff in connection with his other local inspections. Food used on the President's yacht, the Mayflower is inspected regularly, as are supplies for the Naval Hospital, the receiving stations, and other naval establishments in and around Washington.

11. IMPROVEMENTS IN ARMY FORAGE
PURCHASING METHODS PLANNED.

As a result of conferences held last month by the Hay, Feed and Seed Division of this Bureau with the Remount and Veterinary Services of the Army, plans have been made which, it is believed, will result in considerable improvement in methods of buying forage for the Army. These conferences were due to recent changes in the Quartermaster General's Department whereby the purchase of forage has been transferred from the Subsistence Division to the Remount Service. Proposals for purchase of forage will hereafter be prepared in each army corps area instead of at three or four large intermediate depots as in the past.

The Remount Service has instructed the corps area quartermasters to send the proposals to all dealers known to them, to the depots which have formerly handled the purchasing and to all post quartermasters for distribution to dealers and farmers in the vicinity of posts or stations concerned. Post quartermasters will distribute them to local bidders through chambers of commerce, and Federal and State agencies. This, it is believed, will result in a wider distribution of the Army advertisements for proposals. The Remount Service is recommending to each corps area certain kinds of hay which are indigenous to that area and suggesting that proposals be obtained upon all of those kinds of hay. The area quartermasters are instructed to avoid, if possible, making all contracts for forage for delivery over a period in excess of three months and attention is also called to the fact that small dealers can make bids on smaller amounts than mentioned in the proposals and that prompt payment for the goods on delivery can be insured by offering a very small discount for payment within a certain number of days.

When any part of a lot of the forage offered for delivery on contract is not up to contract grade the entire lot shall be rejected and not part rejected and part accepted, unless special arrangement is made with the contractor. This has caused difficulty in the past.

12. WORLD WOOL AUTHORITY
COMMENDS WOOL CONFERENCE.

An example of spontaneous enthusiasm is contained in a letter to George T. Willingmyre from Bradford, England. The writer, S. B. Hollings, of the "Wool Record and Textile World" who is considered one of the world's greatest wool authority, says in part:

"I saw by 'The Daily News Record' of New York that your conference on April 29 was a success, and am chronicling the fact in this week's issue of the 'Wool Record'. Well, I can only congratulate you on your excellent results, I wish you had said something about the creation of sample sheets of qualities, but I suppose these will follow in due course. To make the thing a success and carry home to victory you must have made representative types so that the trade can consult them freely and easily both here in Bradford as well as Boston and Washington. What else can I say? You will naturally feel now as proud as a peacock! You will be able to sing like the old village blacksmith, 'Something attempted, something done, etc'.

13. "RURAL HOSPITALS" CONTINUES
IN PUBLIC FAVOR.

"I have just been reading over your Bulletin on "Rural Hospitals" and I wish to take this opportunity to compliment you upon the thoroughness with which you have handled this important phase of rural community welfare....." writes the Executive Secretary of the American Hospital Association in a letter to Wayne C. Nason, the author.

14. RADIO LIVESTOCK REPORTS AID
PRODUCERS AND SHIPPERS.

A short time ago the Friday market report broadcast by Sterling Emens, of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Livestock, Meats and Wool office, indicated the price for calves at that point was closing 75¢-\$1.00 higher per 100 pounds. Normally, Saturday is a very quiet day at all livestock markets with very light receipts. However, the response to this favorable news was so prompt that about 1000 calves appeared on the market next day which was many times over the usual Saturday run.

15. FURTHER COMMENDATION FOR
LIVESTOCK MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

One of the best bits of commendation ever received for our livestock market news service was included in a brief note recently received by our Chicago office from Cantril, Iowa. The statement read - "Thanks for the reports you have sent. I read them all. They help to take the guess out of marketing."

16. GREAT VOLUME OF POTATO SHIPMENTS
BEING INSPECTED BY BUREAU.

Fully 50 per cent of the new potato shipments from North Carolina, Virginia, Eastern Shore of Virginia and Eastern Shore of Maryland are being inspected by the Bureau's Fruit and Vegetable inspectors, declared Robert Bier today.

17. OFFICIAL STATIONARY NOT TO BE USED
FOR PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

It has been observed that occasionally official envelopes and paper are used by our employees. Attention again is called to the rule against using such supplies for personal letters.

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"I protest the awarding of a fishing championship before the season is over or all reports are in", writes Lewis E. Long, Farm Management, at the Mississippi A. and M. College. As a collaborator of the Bureau he claims eligibility to compete and has already surpassed the record of Cooper, Hawthorne, et al, as reported in B. A. E. News June 1, 1926. Their average per man was 16 2/3 lbs. while the weight of their largest fish was not recorded. Of course the ones that get away don't count.

On May 5th, he caught, single handed, five fish totaling 35 lbs. Individual weights were 15 1/2, 8, 7, 4, and 1/2. He says he told "that gang" before he left the Washington office that if they really wanted to catch fish they should visit him in Mississippi. "Fish and fishermen are two things that abound there", he says.

18. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending June 18 are:

Chamber of commerce of the United States of America, Washington, D.C. Agricultural service. Two surveys of a representative farm area in North Dakota, 1923, 1925. Washington, D. C. [1926]

Directory of agricultural and home economics leaders, United States and Canada, 8th ed... Official directory, the Agricultural extension service executives and personnel including county agricultural agents and home economics teachers ... Cambridge, Mass., William Grant Wilson, 1926.

Ellison, T. & Ramsden, G. W. The management of foodstuffs and allied departments; a text book for co-operative salesmen and managers ... Manchester, The Co-operative union limited, 1925.

Hall, T. D. Co-operative fertilizer experiments with potatoes ... Pretoria, The Government printing and stationery off., 1926. (South Africa. Dept. of agriculture. Science bulletin no. 46)

Hoover, Herbert Clark. The future of our foreign trade ... An address given at a dinner in New York City, March 16, 1926, under the auspices of the Export managers club of New York ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Retief, D. J. Some factors influencing the keeping quality of butter ... Pretoria, The Government printing and stationery off., 1926. (South Africa. Dept. of agriculture. Science bulletin no. 43)

- U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no. 408. Latvian timber resources and trade by C. J. Mayer ... Forest policy of Finland, by Emil A. Kekich ... May, 1926. no. 410. Resources and trade of the Philippine Islands, by M. A. Pugh ... May, 1926.
- U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Crude rubber survey. Rubber production in Africa, by H. N. Whitford ... and Alfred Anthony ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (Trade promotion series, no. 34)
- U. S. Dept. of commerce. Division of publications. List of publications of the Department of commerce available for distribution, May 1, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

19. IN CONGRESS:

- H.R. 11422, by Mr. Vinson, to amend the act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semimonthly cotton crop reports*****passed the House on June 21. This bill provides for an enumeration each year of the actual numbers of acres in cotton in selected areas, and authorizes an appropriation of \$75,000 for this purpose.
- H.R. 10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping, without good and sufficient cause therefor, of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants and others and to require them truly and correctly to account for all farm produce, has been ordered reported by the House Agricultural Committee.

New Bills:

- S. 4452, by Senator Ashurst, to amend section 4 of the Federal farm loan act, as amended March 4, 1923. Similar bills have been introduced by Senator Cameron, and Mr. Hayden of the House.
- S. 4462, by Senator Fess, a bill to create a division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture; to authorize cooperative associations to acquire, interpret, and to disseminate crop and market information; to establish a farmers' marketing commission to aid in the development of major cooperative associations for the marketing of agricultural commodities; to aid in the disposition of surpluses of such commodities, and for other purposes.
- H.J. Res. 281, by Mr. Hudson, creating a commission to investigate the operation and administration of the civil service retirement law and to make report with recommendations to Congress.

Robert Sumner Albee.

Robert Sumner Albee, Junior Administrative Assistant, in the Section of Accounts, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, died June 17, 1926.

He had been continuously employed in the Department of Agriculture for about twenty years except for a short period in 1918. Since September 1918 he had been head of the bookkeeping work in the Section of Accounts.

Mr. Albee was born in Oshkosh, Wis. July 19, 1873. He received his early training at Wisconsin State Normal School, of which his father, an educator of distinction, was President. He later entered Ann Arbor and after receiving the degree of B.S. in General Sciences, entered Cornell University where he received the degrees of L.L.B. and M.A. While secretary to Andrew D. White, U. S. Ambassador to Germany, for two and one-half years, he studied at the University of Berlin and later traveled with Mr. White on the Continent.

Upon his return to the United States he practiced law in Buffalo and later opened an office in Galveston, Texas. He was in Galveston during the great flood and rendered valuable assistance in that crisis.

Mr. Albee was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, the University Club of Washington and the Cornell Alumni Association. His professional training, experience and services were of an unusual order and his personal characteristics made him esteemed and respected by all.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Irma von Ezdorf Albee; a son, Richard Albee; his mother, Mrs. G.S. Albee; and a sister Mrs. Constance A. Ingram, to whom the sincere sympathy of the Bureau is extended.

BUREAU BREVITIES

20. ECONOMIC SURVEY OF IDAHO AGRICULTURE, REPORT OF PROGRESS, has been issued as of June 10. This report, by B. H. Critchfield cooperating with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, sets forth the development of the survey by studies of the general economic and physical phase of agriculture, studies of the various farm enterprises of the State, and surveys of typical local areas. Cooperation on the part of University and State leaders has made it possible to push every phase of the work since it was organized in February. Acknowledgment is given for assistance rendered by Byron Hunter and others. Mimeographed copies may be had.

21. REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTIFICATION OF GRADE OF MEATS were published last Wednesday in Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 98 of this Bureau. The full title reads: Rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing the investigation and certification of class, quality (grade) and condition of meats and meat food products. These regulations are effective on and after July 1, 1926.

22. VERSATILITY NOT ONLY INCREASES THE INDIVIDUAL'S USEFULNESS but frequently his popularity and fame as well. This fact was demonstrated recently when the New York World published a photograph of Miss Beatrice Garber, clerk in the New York office of the Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. The photograph of Miss Garber was taken when she and her sister played golf on the course at Van Cortlandt Park, New York City.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Mr. Tenny will go to Philadelphia Thursday to address the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. Friday he will be in Chicago to preside at the Seed Marketing Conference, going to Minneapolis on Saturday to confer with members of the butter trade. On Monday Mr. Tenny expects to attend the sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation in progress at the University of Minnesota, and on Tuesday will be in Chicago to meet with the National Livestock and Meat Board, returning to Washington about June 30.

In order to watch the progress of fruit and vegetable inspection work on arrivals of the Nickle Plate Railroad, Mr. Sherman was in Cleveland last week. This service recently inaugurated there, covers all fruit and vegetable shipments into Cleveland, including bananas, totaling around four thousand cars annually.

Dr. O. C. Stine, in charge of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, sails from England aboard U.S.S. George Washington June 24th and will arrive in Washington about the 3rd of July. Since attending the General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Dr. Stine has been making a tour of the chief agricultural regions of continental Europe and England, observing crop conditions and studying agricultural developments.

W. F. Callander, in charge of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates goes the last of the week to Raleigh, N. C., to inspect the field offices in that vicinity. He will return by Monday.

Roy C. Potts, in charge, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has gone to Topeka, Kans. and Oklahoma City to study the milk marketing problems confronting producers and others engaged in the industry. He will stop at Jefferson City, Mo., to confer with officers in charge of the Federal-State Egg Inspection work; and will go later to Minneapolis in the interest of Federal-State Butter Inspection; and to Plymouth, Wis. and Chicago, Ill., to confer with those in charge of the market news reporting service. Mr. Potts will take annual leave for a week while in Stillwater, Okla.

R. Wayne Newton, Associate Agricultural Economist of the Division of Agricultural Finance has accepted a position at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, as Research Associate and Tax Specialist and will begin his work with that institution July 1. Mr. Newton came to the Bureau in August, 1923, as Assistant Agricultural Economist and has been engaged in research work dealing with agricultural taxation, and in supervising research studies conducted in this field in cooperation with various States.

We wish Mr. Newton the greatest success in his new field.

H. R. Tolley, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, leaves Thursday for Purdue University, in Indiana to confer regarding cooperative farm management work. He will go to the American Institute of Cooperation at St. Paul, Minn., for the sessions June 28 to July 3. Later he will be in Nebraska and Kansas to assist in the combined harvester-thresher survey now in progress. Mr. Tolley plans to go to Colorado and New Mexico to discuss plans for the completion of a cooperative study of range livestock production, before returning to Washington, about July 15.

Mr. Yohe returned to the office Monday after a trip of several weeks in the western States.

G. T. Willingmyre, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, has gone to Atlantic City to attend the annual meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials from June 21 to 25. In Philadelphia, Mr. Willingmyre will confer with members of the trade regarding wool standardization.

E. J. Murphy, Grain Division has returned from Chicago where he and Mr. Besley attended conferences last week with field men with a view to improving the grain standards as applied to the new crop of grain. Amendments to the Grain Standards act were discussed, also the handling of grain through the Canadian ports. The latter subject was the cause of considerable concern recently when it was learned through English and Italian buyers that shipments of American grain, not up to our standards, were leaving Canadian Ports. This, however, was due to the differences in standards of the two countries. The indications are the Canadian government is interested in establishing standards for grading grain which will conform with those of the United States. They have asked for a set of standards from this country to compare with their own.

Mordecai Ezekial, Farm Management and Costs, has returned to his assignment in Washington after teaching at the University of Minnesota for the past three months. Mr. Ezekial took graduate work there, also.

Delos L. James, Dairy and Poultry Products, who is in Portland, Ore., will go to Pullman, Wash., on June 24, to address a marketing school at the Washington State College of Agriculture on "Marketing Dairy and Poultry Products".

Miss Mary G. Lacy, Bureau Librarian, and nearly every member of the staff of the Library, attended the last meeting of the year of the library workers of the Department which took the form of a get-together picnic at the Girls' Friendly Society Cottages, Wellington-on-the Potomac, Va. Thursday evening June 17. A special car was chartered, and a large attendance of library workers was present.

Walter J. Peterson, of New Orleans and George W. Herrington, of Denver are being transferred to the Galveston, Texas Grain office, owing to the increased volume of work in that branch. These transfers are effective before July 1.

R. H. Ellsworth, Division of Agricultural Cooperation, will go Friday to Detroit and Lansing, Mich., Madison, Wis., and Chicago, Ill. to confer with marketing men in the Agricultural Colleges relative to information which they will collect. Later, Mr. Ellsworth will go to St. Paul, Minn. to the American Institute of Cooperation, to arrange with managers of cooperative marketing associations for furnishing material to be used in economic studies here in the Bureau.

Paul O. Nyhus, in charge of the Madison, Wis., office of Crop and Livestock Estimates left Saturday for Pennsylvania, New York and the New England States to make a survey of dairy sections. He will interview dairy associations and trade representatives relative to dairy statistics, and will come to Washington next week for consultation in connection with this phase of his survey.

R.C. Miller, Grain Supervisor at Minneapolis, spent a week at the Agricultural College, Fargo, N.D., recently, giving a short course in grain grading to members of the country elevator trade.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Benton E. Rothgeb who passed away at one of the local hospitals on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Rothgeb, of Grain Investigations, was on a field trip when he was called home about ten days ago, because of his wife's serious illness.

L.J. Graham, Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Wooster, Ohio on June 18 to demonstrate the U.S. Standards and Grades for eggs as a feature of the Tenth Annual Ohio Poultry Day.

H. A. Miller, Farm Management and Costs, left Sunday for Tennessee to confer with officials of the Agricultural Experiment Station with regard to co-operative farm management studies and to assist in outlining types of farming areas for the State. Mr. Miller will be away from the office about a week.

J. E. Barr, Hay, Feed and Seeds Division, went the first of this week to Raleigh, N.C.; Clemson College, S.C. and Richmond, Va., to interview State College and State Department officials, shippers and others relative to soybean standardization. He will also observe the extent of the inspection service on this commodity and its effectiveness, with a view to expanding this service.

W. J. Spillman, Farm Management, who has been on a trip to the West Coast, will stop on his return, to address the Winnebago County farmers of Oshkosh, Wis., at their Dairy Picnic, on June 23.

Miss Ida M. Drake of the Stenographic Section leaves today for a three-weeks' vacation to be spent in the Spokane section of Washington. Miss Drake will go over the Northern Pacific route.

George A. DeHaven in being transferred from the Kansas City Fruit and Vegetable office to Washington where he will be assigned to Mr. Samson's project. Mr. DeHaven motored from Kansas and is now taking annual leave in Lancaster, Pa., before taking up his new duties.

T. D. Johnson, Farm Management and Costs, will go Thursday to Idaho and Montana to assist Burke H. Critchfield in the agricultural surveys being conducted in those states. They plan to finish these surveys sometime in September.

George F. Binderin, of the Oklahoma City Grain office is being transferred to Omaha, to take the place of Fred L. Loos who went to Duluth. H.N. Holmes, of Wichita, is also being transferred to Omaha to fill the vacancy caused when M.F. Haggerty was sent to Duluth. Herbert L. Binkley, of the Duluth office is being sent to Oklahoma City to take charge of the office there.

Harold J. Clay, successful amateur florist of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, carried off seven prizes at the Spring Exhibition of the American Horticultural Society at the Washington Hotel this month. Mr. Clay won three first prizes, three seconds, and a third prize.

K.B. Seeds, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, returned last week from a trip to New York and Connecticut. At Auburn, N.Y., Mr. Seeds and a representative of the Veterinary Corps of the Army, held a conference with a number of the large shippers of that territory with reference to the use of Federal standards and inspection and sales of hay to the Army under the new regulations which require the use of Federal grades. The dealers present seemed much interested and it is believed will make considerably more use of the inspection service than they have in the past.

In Connecticut Mr. Seeds discussed inspection with the State Commissioner of Agriculture and also made a short survey of the work which is being started on feeding city work horses under cooperative agreements between the Connecticut Experiment Station and the Bureau of Animal Industry, Bureau of Public Roads and this Bureau. It is believed that this work will develop considerable information about the relative values of different classes and grades of hay, which will prove useful.

C.R. Swinson, Farm Management, left Sunday for State College, Pa., to discuss with officials of the State College of Agriculture regarding a proposed economic study of apple production in the Cumberland and the Shenandoah regions.

C. F. Gibbons, well-known angler of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division starts on his annual fishing trip Saturday. He and Mrs. Gibbons will go by motor to Fenelon Falls, Ontario, where they will spend a month fishing in Cameron Lake, of the Kawartha Lake region.

Ward C. Jensen, of Clemson College, S.C., is in Washington this week to confer regarding the publication of a study of cooperative farm management in the Upper Piedmont Region of South Carolina.

George W. Collier of the Division of Farm Management has returned from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona where he has been engaged since the first of the year in a study of range cattle and sheep. This study was in cooperation with the Bureau of Animal Industry and the State Agricultural Colleges to determine conditions and the possibilities of the industry. Also to learn the operation costs of the business for the coming year.

J.C. Gilbert, member of the Bureau Exhibit Committee for the Sesqui-centennial Exposition, has gone to Philadelphia to set up the exhibit material which was sent to Philadelphia last week. A wire from Mr. Gilbert states the building for this exhibit is almost completed except the tower, and that all shipments from the Bureau had arrived in good shape ready for placing.

George A. Dunagin of the Atlanta Cotton office will go to Birmingham the last of the week to hold examinations for applicants holding licenses, or who have applied for licenses, under the Warehouse act, to determine their ability to class cotton in accordance with the official cotton standards.

About July 1 the Atlanta hay inspection office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will move from its present location at 701 Atlanta Commercial Exchange to 1714 Citizens and Southern Bank Building. This will place the hay inspection office in the same suite of offices with the Fruit and Vegetable, Crop Estimates and Warehouse Divisions.

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Monday, July 5, will be observed as a holiday in all Government offices since July 4, falls on Sunday this year.

1. EFFICIENCY RATINGS BEING DISTRIBUTED IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK.

Many inquiries have been made recently regarding the efficiency ratings. F. J. Hughes, Employment Manager, announces the individual efficiency ratings for Washington employees are being distributed this week. These ratings show a very consistent high standard of performance. In some instances slight increases in efficiency have been noted, and in a comparatively few cases a marked decrease. In establishing these ratings every effort has been made by the Division Leaders and the Bureau Board of Efficiency Review to give fair consideration to the pertinent elements involved. Employees who have obtained and are holding a comparatively high efficiency rating are to be commended and are encouraged to continue on the same plane of performance in order to maintain and increase this rating, says Mr. Hughes.

At the beginning of the new fiscal year our employees are urged to take an inventory of their qualifications, and to analyze their duties to determine whether they are performing their maximum usefulness and what their opportunities are for advancement. The standard of efficiency maintained by a large per cent of our personnel indicates that a large number of employees are fitted for more responsible work. If opportunities arise in the Bureau in higher grade assignments, every effort will be made to offer such opportunities to our personnel.

If employees determine after an analysis of their assignments and qualifications that they are fitted for better assignments, the Employment Manager will be very glad to discuss the situation and potential opportunities with them. The following have been designated to serve as members of the Board of Review of Efficiency Ratings for the Bureau: Mr. Tenny, Chairman, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Tolley, Miss Clark, Mr. Becker, Mr. Reed, (Cotton), Mr. Murphy (Grain), and Mr. Hughes (non-voting).

2. BIG INSPECTION OF HAY MADE AT NEW YORK.

One of the largest inspections of hay since the Federal Hay Inspection Service was inaugurated was made at New York on July 22 by Inspector Richard J. O'Brien. The lot consisted of 150 tons, or 1310 bales, and was a shipment of alfalfa by steamship from San Francisco. The inspection was made upon the steamship company's pier in New York for the New York receiver and practically every bale in the lot was examined. While some of the hay was not of very good quality, only 13 bales were unsound, indicating that they might possibly have been damaged in transit.

3. CATTLE GRADING DEMONSTRATION GALA EVENT IN NEW MEXICO

Grading seven or eight hundred head of cattle is a fair day's work for James K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Local interest in cattle grading is shown in the report he sent in from Clayton, New Mex., recently. The community made a big event of the occasion, gathering cattle people from the surrounding country to watch the proceedings. At a meeting the night before, the Governor of the State announced the demonstration while the county agent had already sent out circular letters of invitation stating that no one would be asked to join anything or to pay any dues, but just shown how to grade and class cattle in order to sell at a better price.

The meeting was a success according to Mr. Wallace's letter;

"We held one of the largest livestock meetings and cattle grading demonstrations at the John Otto ranch, 8 miles west of here yesterday, that I ever attended. Over 250 persons were present, including 25 ladies, some coming from over 60 miles away and several were from Texas. Had the District Judge, two state Senators, T.E. Mitchell, the nationally known Hereford breeder, H.L. Ford, agricultural agent of the C. & S., and the local sheriff present.

Mr. Otto barbecued 3 yearling beeves, and furnished 60 pies, 25 cakes, dozens of loaves of bread, 25 gals. of ice cream and 2 tubs of coffee for the midday meal of the all-day session.

I graded up 125 stocker steers, 60 yearling grade heifers, 60 yearling grade steers and 100 head of purebred Hereford heifers and steers. Mr. Otto has the largest ranch or series of ranches in N. E. New Mexico and is a breeder of registered stock as well as running range cattle."

Later, Mr. Wallace wrote as follows:

"Came back to Clayton from Las Vegas last night to finish up the grading. Instead of only grading 350 to 400 head, they are turning in all their yearlings, over 2000 head for me to grade. As the cattle are on 4 different ranches, cover an extent of about 35 miles, I will be 2 or 3 more days at the work as the extra crew of men can only round up and brand one ranch a day. At our big demonstration last week, there were so many people present they got in the road of any commercial grading and we had several stampedes on our hands so I only took 75 head and gave the usual educational demonstration. Then on the 20th I graded up nearly 800 head on the Home ranch. Today I graded over 750 head at the West ranch 26 miles from here and tomorrow we go to the South Ranch 15 miles away."

4. MARKET NEWS ON HAY, FEED AND SEEDS TO CONTINUE IN NEW ENGLAND STATES.

Plans for the continuation and improvement of the Grain, Hay and Feed Market News Service in the New England States have recently been consummated by G. A. Collier, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, in a series of conferences with the marketing officials of those States.

The Market News Service conducted in cooperation with the State Marketing Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, has been in operation in an experimental way for some time, with the exception of Delaware where the service will be

started soon, but no definite agreements relative to the conduct of the service had been made between this Bureau and the State bureaus. Agreements covering the work for the next fiscal year, however, have now been drawn. Under these agreements the Grain, Hay and Feed Markets News Service will furnish regular market reviews covering the grains and feeds in which the various States are principally interested and they will distribute the information in most instances by means of mimeographed reports mailed to interested producers or members of the trade. Newspapers and radio stations will also be utilized in giving publicity to this service.

According to the records of the State Marketing Bureau more than 10,000 farmers and dealers are being served directly by this service while the number being reached by the newspapers and radio will total many thousand more. Mr. Collier states that a special effort is being made to make the service fit the needs of the New England farmers who are principally buyers of grain and feed and who are particularly interested in the supply of feed grains and commercial feeds.

5. CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCES HAY AND GRAIN EXAMINATIONS.

The Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations for Marketing Specialist, Grain; Marketing Specialist, Hay; and Marketing Specialist, Hay Inspection, at salaries of \$3,000 a year, respectively. Also examinations for Assistant Marketing Specialist, Grain; Assistant Marketing Specialist, Hay; and Assistant Marketing Specialist, Hay Inspection at salaries of \$2,400 a year, respectively. Vacancies occurring in Washington and the field will be filled from these examinations. These are unassembled, therefore the competitors will not be required to report at any given place for examination but will be rated on education and experience and on a thesis. Applicants should write for Form 2118, also an announcement of this examination giving exact title. Applications should be on file not later than July 20.

6. CIVIL SERVICE TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS FOR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS.

Announcement is made for examinations, assembled, to be given as follows: Junior Librarian, \$1,860 a year; Library Assistant, \$1,680 a year; Junior Library Assistant, \$1,500 a year; Under Library Assistant, \$1,320, Minor Library Assistant, \$1,140; and Library Aid, \$900. These positions will be in Washington, D. C. The subjects included in the examinations will be of the usual requirements for library work. The date for assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent applicants. All applications must be on file in Washington not later than July 24. In writing for Form 2118, and the announcement, the exact title of this examination should be given.

"The man who is wrapped up in himself makes a mighty small package".

7. WELFARE ASSOCIATION MAKES
ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Welfare Association of the Department is making its annual appeal for funds with which to carry on its work during the year, beginning July 1, 1926.

The purpose of the Association is to provide immediate financial assistance to employees of the Department in Washington, D. C. and vicinity, in cases of emergency resulting from illness, accident, or other unforeseen misfortune, for which provision has not been made and over which persons have no control.

During the year just ending, \$374.90 were contributed by the employees of this Bureau and \$660 were loaned to members of this Bureau.

The support given by this Bureau in the past is very gratifying and I bespeak for the Association a generous response to the appeal. The annual statement of the Association, together with pledge cards are being distributed throughout the Bureau. Additional pledge cards may be obtained from Room 400 Bieber Building.

Lloyd S. Perry
Acting Chief of Bureau

8. VALUABLE CONTACTS AND INTERESTING
EXPERIENCES REPORTED BY DR. GALPIN.

A letter from Dr. Galpin, written in Berlin, says he is carrying out his schedule of travel and has been graciously received by the agricultural leaders in Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. Every courtesy has been extended to him by the various government officials, he says, and our own consuls and ministers have done their utmost to bring the contacts desired.

"I have eaten, states Dr. Galpin, the good bread of cooperative rural bakeries, been a guest of farm villages by special invitation, been present at a gathering of fifty thousand farmers (in Louvain, Belgium), etc. Tomorrow, I start for Finland, where a five-day travel program has been prepared. The International Country Life Meeting in Brussels July 20-22, ... will include a visit to reconstructed farm villages."

Sir Horace Plunkett has invited Dr. Galpin to make the Plunkett Foundation his headquarters in London, while Sir Daniel Hall and Sir Robert Greig of Scotland have shown interest in his pilgrimage. This study is new to them, but they are giving it attention. Dr. Galpin feels the contacts made will benefit American study of rural American and also ^{will} stimulate the beginnings of European research among agricultural departments.

9. EXAMINATIONS FOR CROP AND LIVESTOCK
ESTIMATOR, ANNOUNCED ALSO.

Vacancies occurring in Washington and in the field will be filled from this examination. Position for Associate Crop and Livestock Estimator, carries a salary of \$3,000 a year and that of Assistant Crop and Livestock Estimator, \$2,400 a year. This examination will be unasssembled, and the subjects will consist of education and experience, and a thesis. Applicants should apply at once for a copy of this announcement and a copy of Form 2118, stating the exact title of this examination. Applications filled out must be on file in Washington not later than August 3.

10. THEY ALL RISE UP AND
CALL IT GREAT!

About six weeks ago, J. Harold Hoover, Assistant Marketing Specialist in charge of the Market News and Inspection Services on Fruits and Vegetables at Atlanta, circularized his mailing list of 470 names to learn if the bulletins issued from that office were really in demand. Two weeks later a letter was sent stating that no more bulletins would be sent unless they were requested. The number of replies indicates there will be around 300 received, and the appreciation of the service as expressed in these letters, is altogether gratifying.

The following is typical of the replies being received by Mr. Hoover, encouraging him to keep up the good work:

"We have been receiving your reports promptly, and same are highly appreciated. More so since we are citizens of your sister State Florida. We are one of the largest growers and shippers of this section producing as we do some kind of produce fifty-two weeks in the year. And quite a volume of our business is in your state. We highly endorse your bulletin as now issued, and wish to compliment you on same. With best wishes."

11. IN CONGRESS:

H.R. 7893, to create a Division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture; to provide for the acquisition and dissemination of information pertaining to cooperation***to provide for calling advisors to counsel with the Secretary of Agriculture***and for other purposes, passed the Senate on June 29. This bill passed the House on January 26, 1926. It will now go to the Conference Committee of the two Houses.

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

The following hearings have been added to the Bureau Library during the week ending June 25:

- U. S. Congress. Joint committee on Muscle Shoals. Leasing of Muscle Shoals. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. pursuant to S. Con. Res. 4 Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. To prevent discrimination by boards of trade against farmers' cooperative associations. Hearings. 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H.R. 9396, by Mr. Tinker ... Serial K. Part 1. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on coinage, weights, and measures. Establish standard weights and measures for certain mill products. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H.R. 4539... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on coinage, weights, and measures. Fixing standards for hampers, etc. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H.R. 5677 ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on banking and currency. Inquiry on membership in Federal reserve system. Joint hearings before the Committees on banking and currency, Congress of the United States, 68th Congress pursuant to public act no. 503 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on interstate commerce. Bills of lading in interstate and foreign commerce. Hearing ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 91 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on interstate commerce. Liability of carriers on through bill of lading. Hearing ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 1344 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on public lands and surveys. Oregon and California railroad grant lands. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 3255 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.

BUREAU BRIEVITIES.

13. THE ECONOMIC LIMITS OF COST OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION in the Julesburg District, Colorado is another preliminary report by R. P. Teele and Paul A. Ewing of the Bureau of Public Roads. This is a part of the general study of this subject being carried on cooperatively by the two Bureaus.
14. NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA GRAPE DEAL SEASON 1925, by A. E. Prugh and Mark F. O'Donnell has been issued. Data on which this review is based, was collected by the New York State Department of Farms and Markets, and by the Bureau of Markets in Pennsylvania and in Michigan. Production, shipments, destinations, prices and grades are all discussed. Copies are available.
15. WESTERN NEW YORK LETTUCE DEAL, SEASON 1925, has been mimeographed and is ready for distribution. A. E. Prugh, the author, states in a foreword, the peculiarities of that year. The usual tabular information is given.
16. AVERAGE EXPENDITURES FOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED by Farm Families, is a preliminary report by E. L. Kirkpatrick cooperating with the Bureau of Home Economics. The data on which this report is based were gathered by personal visits to 1299 farm families of selected localities in Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas. These homes represent 872 owners, 388 tenants and 39 hired men. Acknowledgement is made of assistance from the Webb Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., publishers of the "Farmer's Wife".
17. "MAGIC IN IT" is the name of a cinema story prepared by the Division of Farm Management and Costs shown in the Motion Picture Laboratory on Monday to members of the Bureau. The scenario was written by H. M. Dixon and Raymond Evans. H. W. Hawthorne of Farm Management is the principal actor assisted by Mrs. Mary B. Thompson.

18. USES AND PRODUCTS MADE OF CORN, a compilation by C. Louise Phillips and E.G. Boerner, is a supplement to the one issued last year under the same title. In one article is shown a comparison of the quality of Argentine flinty varieties with dent corns grown in this country. An interesting diagram is included showing steps in the manufacture of various products from corn.
19. U. S. STANDARDS FOR LETTUCE GRADES (1926) were issued June 26, 1926.
20. U. S. STANDARDS FOR CANTALOUPE GRADES were issued at the beginning of the Cantaloupe shipping season.
21. MARKETING WESTERN BOXED APPLES is treated rather exhaustively, by text, tables, charts, maps and photographs in Department Bulletin 1415 now being distributed. G. B. Fiske and R. R. Pailthorp are the authors. This forms another contribution to the series of commodity marketing bulletins published by this Bureau, to which the Fruit and Vegetable Division has contributed the lion's share.
22. MARKETING BARRELED APPLES is described in detail, by regions, by markets, and from other points of view by G. B. Fiske in Department Bulletin 1416 now off the press. This is a companion publication to Marketing Western Boxed Apples Department Bulletin 1415. Together they form a rather exhaustive study of the American apple industry and add to our series of commodity marketing bulletins. A bibliography, compiled in the Bureau Library, is found in the bulletin as well as extensive tables showing movement of apples during recent seasons.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny will return Wednesday from a busy trip to Chicago, Minneapolis and other points in that section of the country.

Mr. Marquis was in Philadelphia last Thursday where the Bureau exhibit is being set up for the Sesquicentennial Exposition. The work is progressing satisfactorily, Mr. Marquis states, and the Department's exhibit will be one of the first to be completely installed.

Mr. Palmer and Dr. Youngblood of the Cotton Division left Monday night for Raleigh, N.C., in connection with the cotton research project. Mr. Palmer will return Wednesday, while Dr. Youngblood will go on to Birmingham, and possibly to Athens and Atlanta, Ga., before returning to Washington.

E. W. Stillwell has returned from a long swing around the country, lasting two months. He went by Florida, Texas, California and the Northwest, stopping at field and branch offices to confer with members of the staff regarding fruit and vegetable activities.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman, Editor of the Bureau, will spend her vacation in the White Mountains this year. Leaving Friday, Miss Sherman plans to return about July 28.

Harold L. Harrington, of the State of Washington, has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, and will report for training in inspection work at the Chicago office on July 1. Mr. Harrington received his B.S. degree from Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1920. For a while he was employed as produce market news reporter in Worcester, Mass., and from January, 1922, to January, 1924, was an instructor in horticulture at the Georgia State College of Agriculture. During the greater part of 1924, he worked on a fruit ranch at Wenatchee, Wash., and has since been employed as a Deputy Horticultural Inspector and as Assistant District Horticultural Inspector in the State of Washington.

Lonnie D. Byrd, of North Carolina, also has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist. He, too, will join the inspectors' training class in Chicago July 1. Mr. Byrd is a high school graduate and has completed correspondence courses in marketing fruits and vegetables. He was a railway mail clerk from 1909 to 1911, and later had considerable experience buying vegetables for produce dealers. Since October, 1924, Mr. Byrd has been employed by Joseph H. Baker & Co., Norfolk, Va., wholesale distributors of fruits and vegetables.

Miss Mary J. Bean, of the Division of Land Economics, will spend her vacation abroad. She will sail from New York July 14 on the S. S. Berengaria, and will visit France, Switzerland, Holland, England and Germany. In Germany she will stop over at Heidelberg and also plans a trip down the Rhine to Cologne. She will also visit Edinburgh, Scotland. Miss Sara M. McInteer, of the Bureau of Plant Industry will be her traveling companion part of the time.

J. J. Window of Statistical and Historical Research sails July 3 for Europe to study this summer at the University of Berlin. Mr. Window will return about the middle of September, making the trip on the Leviathan over and return.

Miss Mary F. Carpenter, of Mails and Files has returned from a vacation spent at Montclair, N. J.

Mrs. Mary W. Perry, Agricultural Cooperation, has had a vacation in Chicago.

W. C. Ten Eyck, in charge of the Telegraph Office, has gone to Philadelphia, New York and Boston incidental to making arrangements for leased wire extensions, traffic schedules and discontinuing field offices closed for the season.

Changes in the telegraph service assignments for the next few weeks will be as follows: Edgar N. Gagnon, will be stationed at the new livestock office at Pittsburgh and Wilbur P. Bennett will handle the wires at St. Joseph, Mo. The San Antonio, Texas office has closed for two months and Charles Martin will go to Fort Worth while the regular operator will be on leave, going later to Oklahoma City until the San Antonio office will reopen.

Miss Margaret Daniel of the Grain Division, has decided to take her vacation abroad this year, also. She sails Saturday on the S.S. Paris and plans to visit England, France, Italy and Switzerland.

John H. Frazier, Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist of the New York Grain office will resign his position as Supervisor of the Atlantic Seaboard Division, on July 30, to accept a position as Chief Grain Inspector in the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia.

Mr. Frazier came into the Grain Division in 1917 and has served in the Kansas City, the Chicago and the New York offices, respectively. The service rendered by him has always been of the highest type in its technical as well as administrative features, his last assignment being one of the most responsible in the grain marketing activities of the East.

We congratulate Mr. Frazier in his appointment and join with the Grain Division in wishing him the greatest success in his new field.

S. W. Mendum, Editorial Statistician, is taking a vacation in Duncannon, Pa., for two weeks.

Miss Bertha A. Cooke, of the Grain Division is leaving July 1 for a delightful vacation motor trip to Canada. She expects to spend three weeks at Bayfield, Ontario, on Lake Huron.

Oscar Lybeck of the New York Grain office stopped over to visit the Minneapolis office while en route to Glenwood, Minn., to spend his vacation.

James P. Brown, of the Raleigh, N.C., Warehousing office was in Washington the first of the week conferring regarding insurance on cotton stored with licensed warehousemen and other matters in connection with the branch office activities.

J. Kenney Miller of the Division of Cotton Marketing, has returned from a month's vacation spent in France and Germany. He made the trip across and return by the S. S. President Harding.

N. D. Sanborn, Fruits and Vegetables, is being transferred to Denver, Colo., effective July 1, to take charge of the inspection work on the receiving market. The vacancy which Mr. Sanborn is to fill is caused by the resignation of Paul A. Cauble, a State cooperative employee, who has been there for the past few years.

Gilbert R. Warren has been transferred to Cleveland, Ohio to assist in the inspection work on fruits and vegetables arriving over the Nickel Plate Railroad.

E. J. Maynard, of the Chicago F. & V. inspection staff, will be on leave at Fremont, Mich., from July 26 to July 13.

Owing to the sudden resignation of Miss Birch, one of the clerks in the Philadelphia Dairy and Poultry Products branch office, it was necessary of Miss E. M. Bayliss, head clerk of the Washington office, to go to Philadelphia last week to relieve the situation until the vacancy can be filled. Miss Bayliss may be there two weeks.

W. D. Smith, Grain Supervisor at New Orleans, is in Washington to assist with revision of milled rice grades.

Marcus A. McCarron who handles the Market News work in the Philadelphia branch office, Dairy and Poultry Products, is to be congratulated upon winning the heart and hand of Miss Marie McCool, also of that office. They are to be married on July 30. We wish them many years of happiness.

It has just been learned that R.H. Lamb of the Fruits and Vegetables Field Staff, and Miss Dessie Elizabeth Gentry were married in Florida in March. Best wishes for a long and happy life for them.

G. A. DeHaven, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has returned from his vacation, and has gone to the Eastern Shore region of Maryland to study produce shipments by truck.

J. F. Booth of the Division of Cooperation left last week for a trip to the spring wheat area of Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana to assist in a study of farmer elevators being made in that section. Later, Mr. Booth will go to St. Paul to attend the American Institute of Cooperation.

G. F. Booker, Hay, Feed and Seeds Division went to The Plains, Marshall, Rectorstown and other points in Virginia last week to obtain information on orchard grass for outlook reports.

James I. Johnson of the New York Cotton office has gone to Athens, Ga., to conduct a course in cotton classing at the Georgia State College of Agriculture for two weeks. Before returning to New York, Mr. Johnson will take 10-days' leave in Raleigh, N. C.

Hutzel Metzger of Minnesota, has been appointed as Agricultural Economist, in the Division of Agricultural Cooperation, effective July 1.

Mr. Metzger received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the North Dakota Agricultural College, and graduate work leading to his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Prior to appointment, he served as manager of the South Dakota Post Exchange at San Benito, Texas; attended the First Officers' Training Camp and was in the Air Service; was assistant at the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and later Assistant Farm Management Demonstrator there. He has served as Research Assistant at the University of Minnesota and from July 1924 to July 1925 was Research Agent in Marketing of this Bureau.

Reporting at Minneapolis, Mr. Metzger will confer with members of the milk marketing associations regarding a study of the cooperative marketing of fluid milk giving special attention to the various pooling methods which have been developed and are in use by the large fluid milk organizations. Washington will be his headquarters.

R. H. VonGlahn, who has been at Jacksonville, Fla., will report in Chicago on July 1, to take further training in inspection work. K. W. Schaible will leave the Cape Charles F. & V. office next week and proceed to Chicago to join the inspectors' training class, also.

News has been received that David Shelling, telegrapher of the New York City office was married on Tuesday, June 15, taking his bride to Maine for a honeymoon. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.